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Vision Statement

Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Canada must be an organization that is well managed by highly motivated men with vision and leadership skills, which is attractive to interested Masons of good character, is well understood, is embraced by the family, and makes a positive impact on the quality of life through the reinforcement of high moral values.

Mission Statement

Scottish Rite is a fraternity of Master Masons whose Mission is to teach, to train and to encourage members to practice the important lessons of truth, of honour, and of virtue. It promotes belief in a Supreme Being and brotherly love amongst all people regardless of race, colour, or creed.

It improves the individual character through the lessons taught in the degrees and through leadership training and relevant programs.

It seeks to make a positive impact on the welfare of mankind through its charitable foundation.

It is a financially sound organization which leads by example



Supreme Council Officers 2015 – 2016



ILL. ∴ BRO. ∴ RICHARD AUSTIN HOWELL BROWN, 33°
Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Commander



ILL.:BRO.:TERRY ALLAN McLEAN, 33^o
Sovereign Grand Commander

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Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill. Bro. McLean was born in Toronto, Ontario on March 15, 1948 (The Ides of March) and raised in the Etobicoke area. He attended elementary and high school there and graduated from York and Guelph Universities with an Honours Degree in Economics.

He was employed with two companies, Goodyear Canada and Kodak Canada Inc., for approximately 30 years and was engaged in management positions in Industrial Engineering, Human Resources and Diversity and Quality Management which included an assignment in Rochester, NY with the Eastman Kodak Company. He retired from Kodak Canada in April 2004.

In 1973 he married Bonnie Ruby Chalmers and they have two sons, Douglas and Kevin. Today, Terry and Bonnie enjoy spending time at the cottage with their grandchildren Justin and Alexander and their dog named "Haggis". The family attends and supports the Morningside High Park Presbyterian Church. Terry's get-a-ways include a cottage in Havelock, Ontario, hockey rinks, rounds of golf and various charitable endeavours. Terry also enjoyed working for 12 years as a Production Assistant at the National Hockey League's All Star Weekend Skills Competition.

Craft Masonry

Bro. Terry was initiated, passed and raised in Sunnylea Lodge #664 in Etobicoke in 1979. He served as Worshipful Master in 1985. In 1990-91, Bro. Terry served as District Deputy Grand Master in Toronto District 2. He is also a member of Perfect Column Lodge #510. In 1997 he received an appointment to the Board of General Purposes and retired from the Board as an elected member in July, 2012 after serving for 15 years. He was honoured with the Grand Master's Distinguished Service Award from Most Worshipful Brother Garry Dowling at the Annual Communication in July 2012.

In Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, he was an active member on the Grand Lodge Management Committee.

The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada

Ill. Bro. McLean became a Scottish Rite Mason in 1988 in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Toronto, was Most Wise Sovereign, Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Toronto in 2003, and is a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Barrie Consistory, Valley of Barrie and a member of Moore Sovereign Consistory, Valley of Hamilton.

Bro. Terry was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° in Toronto in September 2005. In September 2008, at Vancouver, British Columbia, he was elected Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°. From 2008-2012 Terry served as the Chief Operating Officer (Executive Secretary) and the Grand Secretary-General of our Supreme Council.

At the 138th Annual Session in Winnipeg, Manitoba he was elected Lieutenant Grand Commander. Bro. Terry also serves as a Director of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

On September 19, 2015 at the 141st Annual Session in Windsor, Ontario he was installed as Sovereign Grand Commander.

Royal Order of Scotland

Brother McLean had been a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 2008 and currently serves in the officer line.

York Rite

Companion McLean is a member of the Royal Arch Masons Occident Chapter No.77 and is currently a Past Most Puissant Sovereign, Holy Trinity Conclave No.34.

Shriners International

Noble McLean is a member of Rameses Shriners. Terry is also a member of the Tecumseh and Trent Valley Shrine Clubs.

ILL. BRO. ROBERT STUART WHITMORE, 33°
Lieutenant Grand Commander



Ill. Bro. Robert Stuart Whitmore, 33°, was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General on September 16, 2000, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He was born in Hamilton, Ontario on March 27, 1949. After graduating from McMaster University, he attended Osgoode Hall Law School at York University and obtained his LL.B. He was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1975 and has practised law in Hamilton since that time. His legal practice is primarily in the area of civil litigation and he is a partner in the law firm of McHugh Whitmore LLP.

Within his profession, he served for seven years as a Trustee of the Hamilton Law Association and was elected and served as President of that Association in 1995 and 1996. He has served as an elected member of the Council of the Canadian Bar Association-Ontario and is active in several other professional organizations.

In 1973, Bro. Whitmore married Judith Honsberger in St. Catharines, Ontario and they have two daughters, Erin and Jillian, and one son, Scott, and have two grandchildren. He has been an active member of St. John's Anglican Church for many years and has served as Rector's Warden and as Chairman of the Parish Council of his church. He also has completed a five year term as a director of The Hamilton Community Foundation.

He was initiated into Temple Lodge No. 324, in Hamilton in 1975, and is the third generation of his family to belong to that lodge. He served as WM in 1982. In 1991-92, he served as Grand Director of Ceremonies and, in 1998 he was appointed to the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario on which he served for several years as Chairman of the Discipline Committee.

Bro. Whitmore joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 1, 1976, and received his 14° on November 2, served as TPGM in 1994 and 1995 and, thereafter, was Grand Secretary until 2015. He received his 18° on April 7, 1977 in Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, and his 32° on May 10, 1980 in Moore Sovereign Consistory.

On September 8, 1994, Ill. Bro. Whitmore was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General at Halifax, Nova Scotia. In Winnipeg Manitoba, he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General on September 16, 2000 and was installed as Lieutenant Grand Commander in Windsor, Ontario, on September 19, 2015.

He has been a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since April 24, 1999 and currently is Provincial Grand Master.



ILL.:BRO.:ALLARD BOUDEWIJN
LOOPSTRA, 33°
Grand Chancellor



ILL.:BRO.:BRIAN WILFRED GILKINSON,
33°
Grand Secretary-General



ILL.:BRO.:THOMAS EDWARD LEWIS,
33°
Grand Treasurer-General

New Officers and Active Members of Supreme Council

ILL. BRO. DAVID A. BENNETT, 33°
Deputy for Ontario



David Bennett was born in Huntsville, Ontario on March 29, 1954. He is a Graduate of the Radio/TV Program in 1974 at Canadore College North Bay, Ontario and worked at CTV as an Account Executive from 1981-2014 when he retired. Dave married Aurore (Leblond), at All Saints Anglican Church in Huntsville on July 19, 1997.

Dave was initiated in Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville on October 10, 1978; passed December 13, 1978; and raised March 14, 1979. He affiliated with Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, Timmins, on April 9, 1986 and was installed as Master June 13, 1990 – 1991. He also affiliated with Nipissing Lodge No. 420 North Bay, in January, 1997.

Dave became a Member of the Valley of North Bay A.A.S.R. in 1991 and a Member of Hamilton Sovereign Consistory, May 7, 1992. He served as T.P.G.M. North Bay Lodge of Perfection from 2002-2003 and as M.W.S. North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix from 2006-2007. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Halifax, September 14, 2006 and crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General at the Supreme Council sessions in Halifax September 13, 2014. On September 19, 2015 in Windsor, Ontario, he was installed as the Deputy for Ontario.

Dave is the current Treasurer and Chairman of the Work for the Valley of North Bay. He is a Member of Rameses Shriners No. 33 and Rorab Shrine Club North Bay, as well as a Member of the 183 Club (President 2006), Member of Fidelis Chapter No. 99 O.E.S. and after serving the North Bay Masonic Temple Board as Secretary/Treasurer for seven years currently assists the Board.

Some of his hobbies are - frequent Master of Ceremonies for various events and co-host of many telethons, specifically Easter Seals and the CTV Lions Club Christmas Telethon, past co-chair of the 2015 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship; is pleased to assist with the 2016 Northern Ontario Men's Curling Championship and enjoys curling, golf, travel and cottage life.

ILL. BRO. JAMES GERARD FINCH, 33°
Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador



James Gerard Finch was born and raised in St. John's, Newfoundland and is married to the former Carol Day. They have a son Craig, a daughter Tina, and two lovely granddaughters, Ava and Meghan.

Jim's career spanned some 40 years, owning and operating a Dental Laboratory business which at present is operated by his son Craig.

In the community, Jim was President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Kidney Foundation, serving a three year term. He is past President and Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Northwest St John's (in which he is still quite active). He is past

President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Technician's Association. In 2003 in recognition of his long time service to the Dental profession, Jim was awarded Honorary Membership to the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association.

Jim has devoted many hours serving on a number of boards, some of which include - The Masonic Park Nursing Home Board, Masonic Place Board, Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Board and the Janeway Hostel Board.

Jim has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity since 1989 - serving as Master of Lodge Tasker #454SC for a two year period and has been Outer Guard of his lodge for the past ten years - still very active in lodge. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Jim joined the A&AS R. in November of 1990. That year he attended a Reunion in Hamilton and in a one-week-period, received 32 degrees. He then became a member of the Valley of St John's. Jim was Commander and Chief of the Newfoundland and Labrador Consistory for two terms from 1999 - 2000.

Jim was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° at the annual sessions of Supreme Council in Edmonton, Alberta in September, 2004. He was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 15, 2012 and installed as Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador on September 19, 2015 in Windsor, Ontario.

He is an active member of Mazol Shrine and in 2003 served as Potentate. Jim also served as Past Director of the Royal Order of Jesters.

ILL. BRO. JEAN REED, 33°
Deputy for Quebec



Most Worshipful Brother Jean Reed was born in L'Epiphanie, in the Lanaudière region of Quebec on April 5, 1946. He began his sales and marketing career at the age of 21 as a District Manager for the Canadian Admiral Corporation, which specialized in electronic entertainment and home appliance products. In 1976 he founded Ameublement Terrebonne Inc., and in 1987 joined Ameublement B.V. Inc. as Head of Marketing for its 350 stores. In 1989, after legal training he was sworn in as a Quebec Bailiff. He became Vice-President and Administrator for the Legal Bailiffs Association and for several years worked towards the creation of the professional order. He has since been a member in good standing of the Order.

Claudette Quenneville has been his life companion for close to 20 years. He has two children, Jean-Olivier, a lawyer, and Stéphanie, a special education practitioner. He is also the proud grandfather of three magnificent little girls.

Having obtained his wings as a private pilot in the early 1980's, he has always had a passion for aviation. Today he spends his winter free time on the ski slopes of St-Sauveur, and in the summer he and Claudette escape and unwind in the woods enjoying their favorite sport - fishing.

As supporters of their Roman Catholic faith, Most Worshipful Brother Jean Reed and Claudette have had many active years involved in a summer camp managed by the Mariste Brothers Catholic Order in Rawdon, QC. This camp gives underprivileged urban children a firsthand opportunity to experience nature through hiking, camping and fishing activities. During his Grand Mastership, funds in the amount of \$22,500 were raised at various Grand Master charity events and were donated to this organization.

He was initiated in La Loge Delta No. 136 on December 16, 1980 and became Worshipful Master in 1996. In 1984 he was a founding member of La Loge Laval No. 139 and Worshipful Master in 1987. In 1995 he was a founding member of La Loge Alliance No. 144 and Worshipful Master in 1999. In 2009 he was a founding member of La Loge Cordialité No. 148. In 2012 he was a founding member of La Loge Etoile du Nord No. 149 and presided over its consecration as Grand Master in September 2013. In the fall of 2014 he presided over its consecration as Grand Master of La Loge Etoile Ecossaise No. 150 which works in the three first degrees of the AASR ritual; a first in Canada. Also in the same year he presided over the consecration of La Loge Sapientia No. 151 in Quebec City.

He received his 4th degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in 1987 and received his 32nd degree in 1989. In 1999 he was a founding member of La Loge de Perfection Fleur de Lys and was the Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 2001. In 2003 he was a founding member of the Mont-Réal Chapter and Most Wise Sovereign in

2007. In 2010 he was a founding member of the Phoenix Consistory. In 2004 he was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° of the Supreme Council of Canada in Edmonton. In 2013 he was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Barrie, Ontario and on September 19, 2015 in Windsor, Ontario he was installed as Deputy for Quebec.

In 2002 he was initiated as a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and as a member of the Karnak Shrine. In 2007 he received the "Tutor Award." In 2013 he became an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. In September of 2014 he became an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

In September of 2013 he presided over the ceremony of the Laying of the Corner Stone of the new Montreal Shriner's Hospital.

Most Worshipful Brother Jean Reed has held various positions within the Grand Lodge of Quebec. In 1989 he was appointed Grand Junior Deacon. In 1992 he became District Representative for District No. 5 and was installed as District Deputy Grand Master the following year. In 1994 he was named President of the Training and Education Committee. In 2005 he was appointed as an Administrator of the Masonic Foundation. In 2008 he became a member of the Rites and Ceremonies Committee. In 2010 he was named to the State of Masonry Committee. In 2011 and 2012 he was elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master. In 2013 he was elected and installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

ILL. BRO. WILFRED DOUGLAS KEAM, 33°
Grand Captain of the Guard



W. Douglas Keam was born in Toronto, Ontario, the youngest of twins. His father, a United Church Minister moved the family to Saskatchewan. Completing his schooling in Regina, he began his career with a local funeral home, and has been employed in the industry since 1966.

Ill Bro. Keam is a member of Lakeview United Church, where he served as treasurer and remains on the finance committee. Other interests include the Regina Symphony Orchestra where he was a board member and served as President for two years. Other boards he served on are the Regina Chamber of Commerce, the Regina Flying Club, Past Chair of the Regina

Mobile Crisis, Past Chair Better Business Bureau and Past President of the Canadian Club of Regina.

An active Rotarian, Bro. Keam has served as President of the Rotary Club of Regina and served as an Assistant Governor in District 5550.

In 1974, Bro. Keam joined St. Andrew's Lodge, #174, G.R.S. serving as Worshipful Master in 1982 and 1983. He also served as Grand Senior Deacon and District Deputy Grand Master for District #2, G.R.S.

Bro. Keam joined the Regina Lodge of Perfection in 1975, Regina Chapter Rose Croix in 1976 and Saskatchewan Consistory the same year. Bro. Keam has served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Most Wise Sovereign and Commander-in-Chief.

Bro. Keam was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Calgary, Alberta on September 13, 1996 and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Winnipeg on September 15, 2012. Bro. Keam was installed as the Grand Captain of the Guard on September 19, 2015 in Windsor, Ontario.

Bro. Keam was received into the Royal Order of Scotland in May 1982 and served as Provincial Grand Master from 2002 - 2007.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM A. ATKINSON, 33°
Grand Sword Bearer



Ill. Bro. William Arthur Atkinson, 33°, was born in Windsor, Ontario, on September 14, 1946, the son of Bro. Ralph Arthur Atkinson and Dona Mae Thrasher. After graduating from General Amherst High School in 1964 he received his Gas Fitter License while working for the Union Gas Co. in Windsor and then served his apprenticeship as a Plumber. He later became a Master Plumber and a licensed Cross Connection Specialist. After serving as a Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Amherstburg, he opened W. A. Atkinson Plumbing Co. Inc. in 1977 and continues to operate the business with his son.

On May 21, 1965 Ill. Bro. Atkinson married Nancy Kay Ann Stuebing, and together they raised four children, Sheri, Christina, William and Stephen. They are the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren. Ill. Bro. Atkinson is a retired volunteer fire fighter from Malden Township. After serving 10 years as a travel team coach in Minor Hockey, he was rewarded with the Citizen Award in 1989 for his dedication to the Tri-community Minor Hockey Association. He is a life-long member of Christ Anglican Church in Amherstburg and served for 20 years as a member of the Board, Peoples Warden and Treasurer.

His father presented his petition for Masonry to Thistle Lodge No. 34 in Amherstburg, Ontario. He was initiated on May 7, 1968, passed on September 24, 1968 and raised on October 22, 1968. On December 25, 1975 he was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge and served as Treasurer for 10 years. He served as District Secretary in Erie District and in 1995 was appointed as a Grand Steward to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. In 1999 he joined the Mocha Temple Shiners' in London, Ontario. Ill. Bro. Atkinson was appointed a Member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2006 and elected to the Board in 2011. In 2009, he was made an Honorary Grand Senior Warden by Most Worshipful Allen J. Petrisor.

He was initiated by the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, in May of 2010, as an Honorary DeMolay and in August 2010 was installed as an Honorary

Legion of Honor for his contributions to the young men of DeMolay. In August 2011 he received the Grand Cross of Colour from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

On April 16, 1994, Ill. Bro. Atkinson joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Windsor and served as the Most Wise Sovereign in 2000. Ill. Bro. Atkinson was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 14, 2006, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on his 60th birthday. On September 17, 2011, in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Ill. Bro. William A. Atkinson was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, 33° Active. On May 27, 2013 was initiated into the Royal Order of Scotland. On September 19, 2015, he was installed as the Grand Sword Bearer.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM (BILL) ANTHONY DAVIS, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector-General



William Anthony Davis was born on December 17, 1956 in Kenora, Ontario. The family then settled in Port Arthur, Ontario. After his schooling Bill worked as a professional photographer for 35 years. He married Regina Canzi on July 24, 1976. They are blessed with 3 boys; Billy, Graham, and Keith and 5 grandchildren; 4 girls and 1 boy. Bill and Regina are members of St. Michaels and all Angels Anglican Church in Thunder Bay. After 35 years in the professional photography business, Bill changed careers and became an Insurance Broker.

Bro. Bill was initiated into Kaministiquia Lodge #584 on May 18, 1982, passed June 20, 1982, raised September 18, 1982 and served as Worshipful Master 1989 - 1990. He is presently a member of Connaught Lodge #511 and served there as Worshipful Master 1997 - 1998. Bro. Bill was elected D.D.G.M. of Algoma District 2010 - 2011. He served as Worshipful Master of Terrace Bay Lodge #662 from 2012 - 2013. Bro. Bill is a Member of Acacia-Itaska Lodge in Superior Wisconsin, a Member of Superior Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Thunder Bay and served as T.P.G.M. 2000 - 2001 and MWS 2006 - 2007. Bro. Bill was coroneted as Honorary Inspector General, 33° in Ottawa, Ontario, 2007.

Bro. Bill was made the active member of the valley of Thunder Bay in Windsor, Ontario on September 15, 2015. Currently he is a member of Kharthum Temple AAONS and has been since 1986. He served as President of the Lakehead Shrine Club 2015. Bro. Bill is a member of the Clown Unit and the Pipe Band, has been a member of the AAD Temple in Duluth, MN since 2005 and is a member of the AAD Provost Corp. In 2006 he became a Member of the Royal Order of the Jesters. He is also a Member of the United Travellers Association and the Thunder Bay Pipes and Drums. Bro. Bill's hobbies are hunting, fishing and traveling. He is very active in all aspects of Masonic work in the District of Thunder Bay.

ILL. BRO. JEFFREY RALPH DICKSON, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector-General



Ill. Bro. Jeff Dickson was born in Wingham, Ontario on December 23, 1959. At the age of 5, his parents moved to Howick Township near the Hamlet of Belmore; the home farm remains under family ownership. He completed his education and graduated from F.E. Madill Secondary School, Wingham and Fanshawe College & the University of Western Ontario, London. He currently resides in Teeswater, Ontario.

Jeff joined Maitland Engineering Services Ltd., Wingham in May 1981, which was acquired by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited in October 1999. He continues to work for Burnside out of the Wingham office as a licensed professional engineer (civil) with over 30 years of experience.

In October 1994, Jeff met Lois Ballagh and she was his beloved friend and companion until she passed on February 12, 2013. Jeff has two step-children - Heather and Mark; three grandsons; and a fourth grandchild expected in early 2016.

Jeff was an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church and the Belmore community for many years where he played, coached and officiated fastball & hockey, curled and was a 4-H member and Junior Farmer. Now as a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Teeswater, he is an elder and a member of the choir. Jeff has always had a passion for sports, enjoys singing and collects coins. He is a member of 2 SATB choirs, plays fastball, broomball and curls and is active in the Belmore and Teeswater communities.

Jeff was initiated into Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroxeter, G.R.C., North Huron District on October 14, 1985. He served as Worshipful Master in 1993-94, 2005-06 and 2014-16 and as Secretary from 1994-2001 and 2007-13. He served as a Chairman for several District Committees and in July 2001 was elected District Deputy Grand Master. Since 2002 he has also served on several Grand Lodge Committees.

Jeff joined the Royal City Lodge of Perfection, where he received his 14th Degree in October 1993 and his 18th Degree in the Guelph Chapter of Rose Croix in November 1993. Jeff served on a number of committees for the Lodge, as T.P.G.M. in 1999/2000, is director of the 5th Degree and participates in the 14th Degree.

In May 1994, Jeff received his 32nd Degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton, in January 2002 was appointed Assistant Grand Expert for Moore Sovereign Consistory and installed as Commander-In-Chief in January 2012. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° in London, Ontario, in September, 2001 and crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33° and Active Member of Supreme Council in Windsor, Ontario, in September 2015.

Jeff joined Lebanon Chapter No. 84 R.A.M., G.R.C., Wingham in May 1997, served as First Principal 2003-04 and Scribe Ezra from 2004 until amalgamation in 2012. He was

elected Grand Superintendent of District 3 R.A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2014-15 and is currently Scribe Ezra of Bernard Chapter No. 84, Listowel. Jeff is also a member of Conestoga Conclave No. 12, Waterloo and of the Royal Order of Scotland.

ILL. BRO. JOHN EDWARD HARRISON, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector-General



Ill. Bro. John Harrison was born in 1957 in Newmarket, Ontario and grew up in the village of Zephyr. Following high school graduation, John studied Business Management at Ryerson and Economics at York University.

He is employed as Director of Transportation Operations of Huron Services Group and TMH Logistics Limited - logistics companies that specialize in transportation and warehousing partnerships across North America.

Bro. John also serves on several other Boards and Associations related to the Transportation Industry and Workplace Safety.

Bro. John resides in Newmarket with his very supportive lady, Susan, and has two adult daughters - Samantha (a teacher in Halifax) and Laura (an artist and visual merchandiser in Guelph).

Bro. John became a member of Rowland Lodge #646 in Mount Albert in 1976 and served as Master in 1986. He is also an honorary member of Patterson-Grey Lodge #265 in Thornhill. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District 6 for the 2000 - 2001 Masonic Year. He has served Grand Lodge in several capacities over the years including the DDGM Orientation Team and the Toronto District Realignment Committee.

A member of the Scottish Rite and the Valley of Barrie since 1979, Bro. John has been an active participant in all Valley activities. A cast member (and Past Director) of the 12th Degree Team for over 35 years, a Past MWS (2004), Past Chair of the Officers Progression Committee, and a Director of the 18th Degree.

Bro. John is currently a Trustee for the Valley, Vice President of the Barrie Learning Centre Board of Directors, and Chair of the Valley John Ross Matheson Award Committee.

ILL. BRO. KARL EDMOND SPRINGER, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector-General



Ill. Bro. Springer was born in Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, and in 1956 his family moved to Northern B.C. where his father worked as a heavy equipment operator on the Alaska Highway. After graduation in 1968, Bro. Karl moved from Ft. St. John, B.C., and lived in various areas of the Lower B.C. Mainland. Upon retirement in 2009, he relocated to Lake Country in the beautiful Okanagan Valley of B.C. where he currently resides.

Bro. Karl worked for Overwaitea Foods, drove charter buses for a number of years and in 1981 started driving truck for Dairyland Foods. After driving for twenty years he transferred into the warehouse and after 28 years with Dairyland he retired in 2009.

In 1974 Bro. Karl married Beth Thomas and they have two children, Robert and Marni. Both are married and have two children each, three girls and one boy. Robert (Jolan) lives in Pitt Meadows, B.C. and Marni (Scott) lives in Kelowna, B.C.

Bro. Karl was initiated into Masonry in April, 1981 in DeWolf Lodge #78, serving that Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1989-1990 and again in 1998-1999. He was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of B.C. and Yukon in 2000 and was installed District Deputy Grand Master in 2005.

After moving to Lake Country, he affiliated with St. Georges Lodge #41 and Prince Charles Lodge #153 located in Kelowna, B.C. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1984 in the Vancouver Valley receiving the 14° on November 24, 1984, 18° on March 29, 1985 and the 32° on October 26, 1985 in the B.C. Consistory serving as Commander in Chief of that Consistory in 1996. He is an affiliated member of Okanagan Valley Lodge of Perfection, Moray Chapter of Rose Croix and Morning Star Consistory located in Vernon B.C. Bro. Karl was coroneted an Honorary Inspector -General on September 17, 1998 in Montreal.

He has been a member of Gizeh Shrine since 1989 and was accepted into the Royal Order of Scotland on May 6, 2000 currently serving as the Senior Grand Warden.

► **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** ◀

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 - 1:00pm
The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada

SRCF Minutes of the Directors Meeting

Solis Room, Caesars Windsor, Windsor, Ontario
(To be approved at the April, 2016 Meeting of the Directors)

Directors:	R. A. H. Brown	H. E. Crosby	R. L. M. Findlater
	J. E. Ford	G. L. Greasley	A. B. Loopstra
	K. D. McComb	T. A. McLean	M. L. Munro
	D. S. Skinner	J. C. Sutherland	

Also Present:	B. W. Gilkinson	G. R. Taylor	M. F. Todd
	S. R. Whiteley		

Regrets:	J. S. Ross	D. G. Dowling
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The President, A. B. Loopstra, welcomed all, noted those unable to be present and, after prayer, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the Secretary J. E. Ford.

Invitation to Attend: Moved by K. McComb seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that M. F. Todd, B. W. Gilkinson, G. R. Taylor and S. R. Whiteley be present at the meeting and participate in discussions without voting privileges.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by J. C. Sutherland, seconded by D. S. Skinner and carried that the agenda be approved as distributed.

Variation of Agenda: Moved by R. L. M. Findlater, seconded by R. A. H. Brown and carried that the agenda be altered at the discretion of the President.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by M. L. Munro and carried that the minutes of Directors Meeting held April 11, 2015 be approved as distributed.

Business Arising from the Minutes: To be covered under Committee and other reports.

Financial Reports: Copies of the Treasurer's Report, the Auditors report, the 2014/2015 budget update and the Investment Committee report were distributed to the directors prior to the meeting. Each report was dealt with separately.

Treasure's Report: The Treasurer noted that donations and bequests were significantly higher in 2014/2015 than in the previous year. Investment income was lower due to the decline in oil prices and the general instability in the equity and bond markets. There was an excess of revenue over expenses of \$242,633. Net assets at the end of 2014/2015 were \$17.2 million

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by G. L. Greasley and carried that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Auditor's Report: The Treasurer noted that the auditor's report still contains a "qualified opinion" clause related to the auditor's inability to verify the receipt of donations. It was noted that this qualification is a standard statement that appears in not-for-profit organization audits.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by R. A. H. Brown and carried that the Auditor's Report be received.

Budget Performance Report: The Treasurer reviewed the budget performance for 2014/2015 and the budget for 2015/2016.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by M. L. Munro and carried that the Budget Performance Report and the 2015/2016 budget be accepted.

Investment Committee Report: The Investment Committee's report noted that the current yield on investments is about 3% and that rate is expected to be the same in 2015/2016.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that the Investment Committee Report be accepted.

President's Report: Copies of the President's Report were distributed prior to the meeting. A. B. Loopstra reviewed the content of his report to the Foundation members. He expressed his appreciation for the contributions of J. C. Sutherland and S. R. Whiteley to the 50th Anniversary celebrations and the fund raising campaign. He noted that 13 valleys had met or exceeded their fund raising targets. He also expressed his appreciation to T. A. McLean for his work as editor-in-chief of the Clarion over the past number of years.

Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by H. E. Crosby and carried that the President's Report be received.

Executive Director Learning Centres Report: – M. F. Todd: Copies of the report on activities for the period September 2014 to June 30, 2015, were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting. In his report the Executive Director noted that:

- there are 95 tutors and 134 children in the program across the country;
- concerns expressed in last year's report have been lessened but not eliminated;
- due to the lack of tutor trainers, the recommendation for a moratorium on the licencing of new Learning Centres continues;
- while not all of those enrolled in the Advanced Language Training Program will become tutor trainers (some will become senior mentors in their respective Learning Centres), the goal is to have one tutor trainer for each Learning Centre;
- the Learning Centres Program is raising the profile of the Scottish Rite in many communities;

Moved by R. L. M. Findlater, seconded by K. D. McComb and carried unanimously that the Executive Director's report be accepted.

In response to questions, the Executive Director stated that:

- the satellite Learning Centre in Bracebridge, Ontario is doing well;
- the shortage of Canadian tutor trainers is due to the length of time that is required to become certified (2 years plus) and the difficulty in obtaining the required documentation to bring in trainers from the United States.

The President thanked M. F. Todd for his continuing efforts in guiding the program and stressed the need to promote the program in the Scottish Rite Valleys.

Committee Reports:

Nomination and Directors Term Committee – H. E. Crosby

H. E. Crosby reported that R. A. H. Brown, H. E. Crosby, A. B. Loopstra, J. S. Ross and C. R. Townshend had completed their terms as Directors of the Foundation and that G. L. Greasley and T. A. McLean had completed their first term as directors. The names of James Finch, Brian Gilkinson, Gordon Greasley, Terry McLean, Alan Stoddart, Gareth Taylor and Robert Whitmore will be proposed as nominees to be directors of the Foundation at the members meeting on September 16, 2015.

Moved by H. E. Crosby, seconded by D. S. Skinner and carried that the report be received.

Grants and Awards Committee – G. R. Taylor

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting. G. R. Taylor noted that there were 21 applications for grants last year, with 5 falling into the excellent category. Unfortunately, only 4 grants were available. He also noted that some of the figures in table 3 of the report need to be revised.

The question of the purpose and focus of the Deputies Program, i.e., bursaries or community outreach, was raised. This will be resolved in the 2015/2016 year.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by T. A. McLean and carried that the report be accepted.

Communications and Website Committee – G. R. Taylor

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting.

Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by D. S. Skinner and carried that the report be accepted.

Valley Liaison Committee – R. L. M. Findlater for J. S. Ross

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting.

Moved by R. L. M. Findlater, seconded by D. S. Skinner and carried that the report be received.

Insurance Report - B. W. Gilkinson

B. W. Gilkinson noted that the insurer, Ecclesiastical Insurance had changes to the Directors and Officers policy which generally broadened the coverage. A copy of the report was given to the Secretary for distribution to the Directors.

Moved by M. L. Munro, seconded by G. L. Greasley and carried that the report of the Insurance Committee be received.

Office Report - B. W. Gilkinson

B. W. Gilkinson gave a brief overview of the activities of the Supreme Council Office over the past year and noted that a review of the office's internal policies and procedures is being undertaken. A copy of the report was given to the Secretary for distribution to the Directors.

Moved by M. L. Munro, seconded by G. L. Greasley and carried that the report on the Foundation Office be received. A copy of the report was given to the Secretary for

distribution to the Directors.

Clarion (Editorial Board) – T. A. McLean

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting.

Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by D. S. Skinner and carried that the report be approved.

50th Anniversary Campaign - S. R. Whiteley

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting. S. R. Whiteley noted that the campaign goal of raising 1 million dollars had been reached. The final figure is to be announced at the Foundation Banquet on Thursday evening.

Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that the report be received.

A. B. Loopstra extended appreciation to S. R. Whiteley for accepting the responsibility for the campaign and for “making it happen”.

Foundation History Volume 2

A. B. Loopstra reported that Watermark Communications had been engaged to print the history at a cost of \$8,500 + HST. This figure does not include any costs associated with an e-reader or web version of the history. The expected completion date is October 31, 2015 if the galley proofs can be reviewed and approved within one week. There was some discussion regarding the colour of the cover. It was agreed that the cover should be blue.

Moved by J. C. Sutherland, seconded by R. L. M. Findlater, and carried that the report on the Foundation History Volume 2 be accepted.

Members Meeting

A. B. Loopstra reminded those giving reports to give brief summaries and to arrange for motions to accept ahead of time.

New and Other Business:

D. S. Skinner noted that there are forms and reports to be sent to Industry Canada regarding the new directors.

A. B. Loopstra reviewed the program and arrangements for the Foundation Banquet and pre-banquet reception.

The president, A. B. Loopstra expressed his appreciation for the support he had received from the Directors and office staff over the past year, in particular retiring directors H. E. Crosby and R. A. H. Brown.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

► **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** ◀

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 ~ 8:30am
Meeting of the Provincial Deputies

At 8:30am the Provincial Deputies met including the new Deputies: David Bennett, 33°, James Finch, 33° and Jean Reed, 33°. Joining them at 10:00am in the Mercuri Room, Caesars Windsor, Windsor, Ontario were SGC, Richard A. H. Brown, 33°, LGC, Terry A. McLean, 33° and GSG, Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°.

Wednesday, September 16, 2016 ~ 8:30am
Meeting of the Committee on Audit and Finance

On Wednesday at 8:30am the members of the Audit and Finance Committee met in the Saturni Room, Caesars Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, with their Chairman, Ill. Bro. Duncan S. Skinner. Their report will be given in the Session on Thursday morning.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 - 1:00pm
The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada

SRCF Minutes of the Member's Annual Meeting
Saturni Room, Caesars Windsor, Windsor, Ontario

Present: 30 members in attendance as per Roll Call recorded by the Secretary.

President, A. B. Loopstra called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and thanked all those in attendance. He invited the Grand Prior, Rev. Canon M. D. H. Farr, to offer an opening prayer.

Notice of the meeting was read by the Secretary, J. E. Ford.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by G. R. Taylor, seconded by T. A. McLean and carried that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Variation of Agenda: Moved by J. C. Sutherland, seconded by L. W Kline and carried that the agenda be varied at the discretion of the Chairman.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by G. L. Greasley, seconded by J. Reed and carried that the minutes of the Annual Members Meeting held September 10, 2014 at Halifax Nova Scotia be approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report, Auditor's Report, 2015/2016 Budget Report and Investment Committee Report:

The Treasurer, D. S. Skinner, read his report to the members.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by J. W. Trousdale and carried that the Treasurer's report be received.

The Treasurer read that part of the auditor's report from the firm of Grant Thornton relating to the qualified opinion which dates to the time when the Learning Centres were not individually incorporated.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by J. W. Trousdale and carried that the auditor's report be approved.

The Treasurer reviewed the 2015/2016 budget as compared to the 2014/2015 budget.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by J. W. Trousdale and carried that the budget report be received.

As part of the Investment Committee report, the Treasurer noted that the directors had approved a change to the investment mix for the cash portion of the mix from a minimum of 5% to a minimum of 0%, the maximum remaining at 50%.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by J. W. Trousdale and carried that the Investment Committee report be received.

President's Report: A. B. Loopstra gave a brief summary of the President's report which is printed in the Foundation's Annual Report.

Moved by G. R. Taylor, seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that the President's Report be received.

Learning Centre Report: M. F. Todd advised the Members that his report had been submitted and approved by the Board of Directors. A summary of his report appears in the Foundation's Annual Report.

Moved by M. F. Todd, seconded by D. S. Skinner and carried that the Executive Director's Report be received.

Committee Reports

Nominating and Directors Terms Committee: H. E. Crosby, on behalf of the nominating Committee, informed the Members that R. A. H. Brown, H. E. Crosby, A. B. Loopstra, J. S. Ross and C. R. Townshend had completed their terms as Directors of the Foundation and that G. L. Greasley and T. A. McLean had completed their first term as directors. He presented the following names for election to the Board of Directors for a term of 3 years:

James Finch St. John's
Brian Gilkinson Peterborough
Gordon Greasley Winnipeg (Second Term)
Terry McLean Toronto (Second Term)
Alan Stoddart..... Toronto
Gareth Taylor..... Toronto
Robert Whitmore Hamilton

Moved by H. E. Crosby, seconded by M. F. Todd and carried that the report of the Nomination Committee be approved.

H. E. Crosby, seconded by M. F. Todd, moved the following amendment to article 5 of Bylaw No. 1:

“the addition of the new Section 5.05, as set out below, to the By-Laws of the Foundation.

5.05 Rotation of Director's Terms

- a) Directors shall be elected for a three year term, the terms to be staggered;
- b) Directors may be elected for a second consecutive three year term;
- c) After an absence of at least one year, a person may again be elected for a further three year term and at the conclusion of the third three year term will be ineligible to again serve as a Director;
- d) By a motion, approved by not less than two thirds of the Directors in attendance and voting at a regular meeting of the Board, by means of a written ballot, the restrictive provisions set out in sub-section (c) may be waived to permit the election of a person to an additional three year term without requiring the absence of one year from Board membership, and to increase the limit on Board membership to four three year terms."

After discussion the question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Grants & Awards: G. R. Taylor stated that his report was on file with the Secretary. A summary of his report appears in the Foundation's Annual Report. He expressed his appreciation for the assistance given by our late brother K. R. Rutherford, B. W. Gilkinson and the office staff.

Moved by G. R. Taylor, seconded by L. W. Kline and carried that the Grants and Awards Committee Report be received.

Communications and Website Committee: A copy of the report was distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

Moved by G. R. Taylor, seconded by L. W. Kline and carried that the Communications Committee Report be received.

Valley Liaison: A copy of the report was distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

Moved by J. C. Sutherland, seconded by G. R. Taylor that the Valley Liaison Report be received.

Insurance Committee: B. W. Gilkinson reported that the Foundation has received notice from its insurer, Ecclesiastical Insurance, of 18 changes to the Directors and Officers portion of the insurance policy which broaden the coverage.

Moved by B. W. Gilkinson, seconded by M. D. H. Farr that the report of the Insurance Committee be received.

Foundation Office: In addition to their normal duties, during the 2014/2015 year the office staff administered donations to the Foundation's 50th Anniversary Campaign and orders for the new Scottish Rite Membership Jewel which was approved at the 2015 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The Supreme Council Office was greatly saddened by the sudden loss of Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford.

Moved by B. W. Gilkinson, seconded by K. D. McComb that the reports of the Foundation Office be received.

Clarion: T. A. McLean reported that the recent edition of the Clarion was circulated to over 16,000 members and friends around the world and primarily featured the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada. K. D. McComb has agreed to assume the role of editor-in-chief and the editorial committee reorganized.

Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by W. C. Fitzsimmons and carried that the report of the Clarion be received.

50th Anniversary Campaign: A. B. Loopstra on behalf of S. R. Whiteley reported that the campaign had exceeded its goal of raising 1 million dollars. The actual amount raised will be announced at the Foundation Banquet on Thursday evening.

Moved by G. R. Taylor, seconded by J. G. Finch and carried that the report of the 50th Anniversary Campaign Committee be received.

Foundation History Volume II: A. B. Loopstra reported that the writing of volume 2 of the Foundation's history has been completed and that a contract for printing has been finalized with distribution expected to begin in November 2015. He also noted that the project had been completed well within budget.

Moved by G. R. Taylor, seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that the report on the Foundation History Volume II be received.

New and Other Business

Approval of the Actions of the Directors: Moved by A. D. Arbuckle, seconded by R. D. Brethour and carried that all actions of the Board of Directors during the last term of Office be approved.

Appointment of Auditors: Moved by R. S. Whitmore, seconded by M. D. H. Farr and carried that the chartered accounting firm of Grant Thornton be retained as auditors for the fiscal year 2015/2016.

Foundation Annual Report: Moved by W. A. Atkinson, seconded by V. Lepp and carried that the Annual Report of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation be transmitted to Supreme Council.

Reminders

1. Banquet arrangements were outlined.
2. There will be a brief Directors meeting immediately following the close of the sessions on Friday morning, September 18, 2015 to elect and appoint the officers for 2015/2016.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Executive Session 1
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 ~ 2:30pm
Saturni Room, Caesars Windsor

At 2:30pm the first Executive Session of the 141st Annual Session was held in the Saturni Room, Caesars Windsor, Windsor, Ontario with Ill. Bro. Richard A. H. Brown, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander presiding. The Sovereign Grand Commander welcomed everyone to the 141st Annual Session of Supreme Council in Windsor, Ontario.

By virtue of the powers conferred under Article 5 (c) of the Statutes of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the days commencing on Wednesday, September 16 continuing through Thursday, September 17 are hereby designated as Executive Sessions to be a part of the above Annual Sessions and, accordingly, we summon the Active and Past Active Members of our Council to attend thereat.

Although the Statutes and Regulations do not allow Honorary Inspectors-General to attend the Executive Sessions, the Sovereign Grand Commander, by special dispensation, invites you to attend, as observers, those Executive Sessions taking place on Wednesday, September 16 and Thursday, September 17. Please come and see your Supreme Council as it conducts its business. I hereby declare the 141st Annual Session of this Supreme Council duly constituted and open.

The Sovereign Grand Commander called Canon Farr, our Grand Prior to offer a prayer.

Grand Prior: Let us pray. Direct us, O' Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favour and further ask with your continual help that all our work begun and continued in you, we may glorify your Holy Name. This we ask in the name of God. Amen.

SGC: Thank you. Brethren, there are some procedural motions and I would call on Ill. Bro. Terry McLean to do so.

ON MOTION duly made by Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° and seconded by Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, that the Honorary Inspectors-General are invited to attend the General Session on the invitation of the Sovereign Grand Commander, without voice or vote. CARRIED.

ON MOTION duly made by Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° and seconded by Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, that the Minutes of the Annual Session held in Halifax September the 8th to the 13th, 2014, are hereby adopted as circulated in the proceedings. CARRIED.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Harold E. Crosby, 33° and Matthew F. Todd, 33° that the order of the agenda may be varied under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Commander. CARRIED.

SGC: Just for your information, I believe that we have around 480 registered for this Session, which is nice to know. I would ask that those who are making reports, if you would please use the lecterns and again, just state your name so when these recordings are transcribed afterwards, we will know who is speaking.

SGC: The following Brethren will be retiring to Past-Active rank effective Friday, September 18th at midnight. Going to Past-Active rank, as age-related by our Statutes, is Ill Bro. Marvin Munro, 33°, Active Member from the Valley of Kamloops. Ill. Bro. Marvin Salmi, 33°, Active Member from Thunder Bay has requested that he be granted the designation as Past-Active, as well. I don't know whether one or either of you wanted to make a comment at this point. I had asked you ahead of time, but if there's something you would like to say please feel free now to say it.

Ill. Bro. Munro: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, ten years ago I thought this day would never come and now it approaches. I must say I have certainly enjoyed my time at Supreme Council as an Active Member and as Deputy, and I do love the Scottish Rite, as well as all of you do, I know. So thank you very much for the honour bestowed upon me. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Marvin. I know that indeed your love for Scottish Rite and all the work you've done, particularly as Deputy, was appreciated, as well. Thank you.

Ill. Bro. Salmi: I just want to thank all the Brethren for the opportunity to fulfill the role as Deputy, and I want to thank everybody for the concern they have shown during my little trials and tribulations. The old ticker wants to act up every once in a while and it's full of stents and bypasses. Now it's bionic, so I don't know what else can go wrong. I just have to get a defibrillator installed so I don't have to carry booster cables. Thank you very much.

SGC: Thank you, Brethren. I was talking to Marvin last week asking how he was feeling and asked 'Well, will we see you in Windsor?', and he said, 'Yes, for sure'. And I said, 'Well, I assume you're going to fly this time'. He said, 'Of course not, I'm driving'. And through all the health issues Marvin's had the last couple of years he was at every Valley visit that I did and many times he was driving seven or eight hours to get there. So I thank you for your dedication and I know that with all the health issues you've had, it's been doubly difficult and I thank you for doing that.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Harold E. Crosby, 33° and Matthew F. Todd, 33° that the request for retirement to Past Active rank be received and accepted. CARRIED

SGC: I am now going to call on Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill Bro. Harold Crosby, 33°, to lead us through the Nomination Committee Reports.

PSGC Crosby: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, this is the Report of the Committee on Membership Nominations, to whom is referred nominations of the following Brethren for election as Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General and hereby approves these nominations for election in the usual manner at the 2015 Annual Session:

From British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, replacing Marvin Munro, Karl Edmund Springer, 33°, from the Valley of Vernon; from Ontario, William Anthony Davis, 33°, Valley of Thunder Bay, replacing Marvin Salmi; Jeffrey Ralph Dickson, Valley of Guelph, replacing Ken Rutherford; and John Edward Harrison, Valley of Barrie, replacing Terry McLean, who moves into the ranks of ad-vitam.

III. Bro. Vic Lepp, 33°, Deputy for Ontario, submitted the nomination for Jeffrey Dickson to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of III. Bro. Kenneth Rutherford on August 22nd. Article 7(c) of the Statutes requires that nominations for active membership be filed with the Grand Secretary-General on or before the 1st day of August. The nomination of Jeffrey Ralph Dixon was received on September 5th and therefore does not meet the filing requirements as set out in the Statutes. Since the nomination does not meet the filing requirements of the Statutes, it can only be included in the ballot if the Executive Session gives its unanimous consent to do so as provided by Article 7(e). III. Bro. McLean is going to make a motion concerning that.

ON MOTION duly made by III. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° and seconded by III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, move the adoption of the Report, with the understanding that Jeffrey Dickson has to be voted on with a unanimous vote.

SGC: We have a motion. III. Bro. Crosby, should we just do a vote, hopefully having a unanimous decision to include the one name.

PSGC Crosby: That is correct, Sovereign Grand Commander. We need this motion of unanimous consent before we do the balloting.

SGC: So this is strictly with respect to Brother Dickson that we referred to.

PSGC Crosby: That is correct.

SGC: All right. So we have a motion on the floor to include the nomination of Brother Dickson as a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General. All those in favour of including his name on the ballot? Anyone opposed? Unanimously agreed to. CARRIED

PSGC Crosby: Then Sovereign Grand Commander, we may call the vote on those names.

SGC: So Brethren, you have heard the names of the four that are proposed to become Active Members of the Supreme Council.

PSGC Crosby: The four names again: From British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, Karl Edmund Springer, Valley of Vernon; from Ontario, William Anthony Davis, Valley of Thunder Bay, Jeffrey Dickson, Valley of Guelph; John Edward Harrison, Valley of Barrie.

ON MOTION duly made by III. Bro. Harold Crosby, 33° and seconded by III. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, move that a collective ballot be taken on these four nominations.
CARRIED

SGC: For this particular vote it's a poll, so I will ask our Grand Secretary-General to poll the members.

The GSG conducted a voice poll of the Active members, passed unanimously.

SGC: Thank you. So unanimously we have agreed to that. Just as a reminder, those four individuals will be crowned at 8:30 on Saturday morning, and sometimes we forget to tell them that they need to be there and they should have a tuxedo on, if at all possible. I'm wondering if we can call upon the outgoing Deputies to make sure that

they are in communication with these individuals and that they will be available to us on Saturday morning.

The Report on Membership Nominations, was presented by Ill. Bro. Harold E. Crosby, 33°.

Report on 37 Nominations for Advancement to Honorary Inspectors-General in St. John's, 2016 to be voted on at the Executive Session on Thursday morning, is as follows:

Candidates	Valley
1 Michael Taylor Adam	Sarnia
2 Frederick John Allan	Hamilton
3 Dennis Raymond Blake	Toronto
4 Randy William Blaker	Vernon
5 Jonathan Hugh Broadberry	Kamloops
6 Stephen Stewart Caldwell	Edmonton
7 Robert Bruce Campbell	North Bay
8 Raymond Charles	London
9 Milan Cobanov	Toronto
10 John Alexander Cumming	Guelph
11 David Douglas Dawe	Sault Ste. Marie
12 Michael Glen Dennis	Sarnia
13 Grant William Dixon	Central Alberta
14 David Oran Fraser	Halifax
15 Bernard Gross	Winnipeg
16 Ivan Merl Harris	Ottawa
17 David Charles Hochman	Calgary
18 McAllister Horne	Niagara
19 Eric Norman Johnson	Thunder Bay
20 Donald Kenneth Laliberte	Hamilton
21 Richard William Landers	Toronto
22 Paavo Eric Liukko	Sudbury
23 Donald Ross McGuire	Chatham
24 John Lando McPherson	Hamilton
25 Douglas Paul Hugh Miller	St. John's
26 Darrell Alexander Munn	Fredericton
27 Gregory Edward Oiley	Toronto
28 Fayez Oustwani	Montreal
29 David Harold Pedler	Hamilton
30 David John Quinn	Kingston
31 Frank Richardson	Barrie
32 Libaird Stamboulion	Windsor
33 Ronald Gary Stewart	Guelph
34 David Scott Storrie	Campbell River

35	Ronald John Taylor	Ottawa
36	John Franklin Thompson	Barrie
37	Robert Glen Webster	Peterborough

SGC: I don't believe we have anyone ask for an extension of time?

PSGC Crosby: I am not aware of any.

SGC: No, nor am I, so we don't need to deal with any of those requests. Then you can continue on with the Report of the Officer nominations.

The Report for Officer Nominations presented by Ill. Bro. Harold E. Crosby, 33°.

PSGC Crosby: Your Committee on Officer Nominations is pleased to nominate for election for the triennium 2015 to 2018 the following Sovereign Grand Inspectors General:

Sovereign Grand Commander	Terry A. McLean
Lieutenant Grand Commander	Robert S. Whitmore
Grand Chancellor	Allard B. Loopstra
Deputies	
Alberta and Northwest Territories	Loren W. Kline
British Columbia Yukon Territory	Stephen Godfrey
Manitoba and Nunavut Territory	Gordon L. Greasley
New Brunswick	Chesley R. Piercey
Nova Scotia, PEI, Newfoundland & Labrador	James G. Finch
Ontario	David A. Bennett
Ontario	Victor Lepp
Ontario	Gareth Taylor
Quebec	Jean Reed
Saskatchewan	William C. Fitzsimmons
Grand Secretary-General	Brian W. Gilkinson
Grand Treasurer-General	Thomas E. Lewis
Grand Prior	Michael D. Farr
Grand Master of Ceremonies	Kenneth D. McComb
Grand Marshall	Robert D. Brethour
Grand Standard Bearer	John Trousdale
Grand Captain of the Guard	W. Douglas Kearn
Grand Sword Bearer	William Atkinson

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Harold E. Crosby, 33° and Matthew F. Todd, 33° that the report on Advancement, Membership and Officer Nominations be received and the vote cast at the Executive Session on Thursday morning. CARRIED

SGC: I am now required by the Statutes to ask three times if there are any further nominations for the officer nominations. So, for the first time are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? For the third and last time, are there any further nominations for the officer nominations? There not being any, then I would

declare those names in the Report to be elected for the next triennium. Thank you, Ill. Bro. Crosby.

SGC: Before we adjourn the Executive Session there is the matter of the John Ross Matheson Awards, we agreed last year that we would change the process by which we would confirm that. At the time of the Preliminary Reports, the Report from the Special Awards Committee was not available and in fact I was given information as to the two Brethren the Committee was asking we confirm as nominations for the John Ross Matheson Awards. Those individuals, if we confirm this, then some time during the next year, the Sovereign Grand Commander would take responsibility to have those awarded in person to those individuals, in all likelihood in their home Valleys, obviously at a time that's convenient for the Sovereign Grand Commander and the recipient. So those two individuals that are being recommended for the John Ross Matheson Awards are Ill. Bro. James Hutchinson, 33°, from the Valley of Peterborough, and Ill. Bro. Brian Shannon, 33°, from the Valley of Barrie.

ON MOTION duly made by Ill. Loren Kline, 33° and seconded by Ill. Bro. Allard Loopstra, 33°, move to confirm those two as being recipients for the John Ross Matheson Award.

SGC: Thank you. Ill. Bro. Kline and Ill. Bro. Allard Loopstra. Any question about that? In the past, it's just been the Sovereign Grand Commander who just gave his blessing and they were awarded, so we agreed last year that we would make it an award of the Supreme Council and it would come here for your consideration.

Now, I believe that Ill. Bro. Shannon is registered to attend so he won't know anything about this, but it is not our intention to award it to him here. I will announce that he has been selected, if we pass this motion, but there will not be an award.

There will be a presentation of a John Ross Matheson Award on Friday morning in the Session, but that is to Ill. Bro. Gordon Curl, who was named last year. He had asked that it be presented here rather than in his own Valley, and that is why we are accommodating him. But it will not be at the dinner. We will do it in the Supreme Council Session, just so that you know that.

So with all those explanations, there is a motion on the floor to accept these two nominations. All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED. Thank you.

SGC: Now the only other business I wanted to bring to your attention in Executive Session is at the end of August and early September both the Southern Jurisdiction and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met in their Biennial Sessions and they both took action to suspend relations with the Supreme Council for France, I believe that is what it is technically called. My understanding is that they did because the Supreme Council of France is not recognized now by the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise, which is the regular Grand Lodge which England recognizes as being the recognized Grand Lodge for France.

I spoke with the Sovereign Grand Commander of England, as well, and got all the background from their point of view. France has been given until December 31st of 2015 to resolve that difference.

Right now it's been suspended, it has been for over a year, with England. Scotland has taken the same action, and Ireland as well as I understand it.

I am bringing it to your attention because I am asking you as to whether we should take any action to suspend relations with France at this time, as well. The possibility of this happening was discussed by letter with the Sovereign Grand Commander of France and as a consequence of those conversations with the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions and through us, through correspondence, the Sovereign Grand Commander of France decided that he would not make an appearance at any one of those Supreme Councils this year, all of which he had initially been invited to attend.

I'm not sure if you want to take action on this, but I thought I should bring it to your attention and if we do wish to do so, we perhaps should be talking about it now or no later than tomorrow, if we know what we want to do. I just wonder if anybody has any questions or reaction to what has happened or why it has happened.

III. Bro. Lewis: Sovereign Grand Commander, did III. Bro. Lawer give any direction?

SGC: What he initially told me a number of months ago when we first started to discuss this – and at that time we were only speaking about the actions taken by England – was that we are all independent Supreme Councils and we should not do anything just simply because somebody else has done it, we need to look at it ourselves.

When I talked to him last weekend and I informed him what Northern and Southern Jurisdictions had done, he thought that maybe we should take some action, as well. We are not a big player in this, by any means, but the fact that both our Southern neighbours now have seen fit to try to put a little pressure on and England as well, I personally think that perhaps and I'm sure it's just symbolic on our part, that we express our desire for them to attempt to resolve those things and, until they do, we would suspend relations, as well. Not cutting it off completely, just a suspension until they get themselves to a point where they are recognized by the Regular Grand Lodge of France.

PSGC Todd: Sovereign Grand Commander, the observation made by many Supreme Councils is that there is not going to be a quick fix to this in Europe and I really feel that we should take action.

III. Bro. Loopstra: Sovereign Grand Commander, I agree with Matt, because if we don't then we are obligated, obviously, to invite him to future Sessions and I'm not sure that we should be listening to all the arguments over and over again like we have in the past.

III. Bro. Whitmore: Sovereign Grand Commander, could you explain again why they are not being recognized?

SGC: Well, as I understand it – and I spent a little over half an hour with the Sovereign Grand Commander of England trying to get a better fix on it – you have to realize there are at least five Grand Lodges in France and, some say, at least three Scottish Rite Supreme Councils. The Supreme Council that we recognize was formally recognized I believe in 1960. There were lots of problems before that.

They only took their members from GLNF, which is the regular Grand Lodge. Now, the regular Grand Lodge, GLNF, had difficulties about two years ago. During all that turmoil, there were a lot of stances taken by different individuals and, as I understand it, the Sovereign Grand Commander was an outspoken critic.

There was a period there that a number of Lodges that were in GLNF broke off and formed another Grand Lodge. The Supreme Council of France then, as I understand it, starting accepting members into Scottish Rite from that break-off Grand Lodge that was not recognized.

Finally, the Grand Lodge of France, GLNF, got a new Grand Master and they satisfied the requirements imposed upon them from United Grand Lodge of England in terms of being considered Regular, and they were declared Regular, and the new Grand Master indicated that, given the actions of the Supreme Council that we have recognized, that there were now members in that who were from Regular Lodges and that he would not recognize that Supreme Council as being in harmony with GLNF.

As I understand it, the Sovereign Grand Commander of France and the Grand Secretary and several other of the senior members no longer belong to a Craft Lodge in France and I believe they are members in English Lodges so they are still Master Masons in good standing, but there is a lot of strife there, as I understand it, and it appears that it is not going to be resolved with the current leadership of the Supreme Council of France.

It's a mess and what is caught in the middle of this – and I asked this of England – is what is happening to the Scottish Rite Freemasons? They are just caught in the middle of this. They belong to Supreme Councils that aren't recognized and there are all these different groups and it's a real shame the way that it has happened. I don't know, Matt, have you got any additional information than that?

III. Bro. Todd: No, you have pretty well covered it and, as I said earlier, from my observation and talking to other Sovereign Grand Commanders, as well, it is not going to be fixed in the short term. I think my recommendation to this Supreme Council would be to suspend relationship with the Supreme Council of France.

SGC: Any other questions? Then I'm going to take what III. Bro. Matt Todd said as a motion. Is there a seconder?

ON MOTION duly made by III. Bro. Matthew Todd, 33° and seconded by III. Bro. Allard Loopstra, 33°, for an open-ended suspension of relations with the Supreme Council of France.

SGC: Brethren, again, just more formally, any further questions on that? An open-ended suspension is what we are doing now. We are not putting any kind of provisos on it. I will call for the vote of that. All in favour of suspending relations with the Supreme Council of France? Opposed, if any? That's carried.

III. Bro. Todd: With due notification.

SGC: Yes, we will make sure that we relay in writing what action was taken and will get it incorporated into the Fraternal Relations Report, because there is no mention of it in the Fraternal Relations Report.

SGC: Anything else anybody wants to bring up before we close this Executive Session? Okay, let's do that and we will reopen, then, in regular Supreme Council.

SGC: Brethren, if we could continue on, I'm going to now just name those Active Members who are not in attendance and who are seeking to be excused.

The following Active Members of Supreme Council have been excused from attendance at this Session of Supreme Council, moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° and Terry A. McLean, 33°. CARRIED

John Vincent Lawer, 33° PSGC
James S. Ross, 33°

Ronald MacDonald, 33°
Orlan J. Weber, 33° PSGC

SGC: Again, we have heard from all of them. Ill. Bro. John Lawer whose health is improving, but his doctor really does not want him to travel at this point. You've heard Ill. Bro. James Ross is fighting pneumonia and is trying to stay away from air travel at this point. Ill. Bro. Ron MacDonald, I spoke with him on the weekend. Tomorrow he goes in for surgery, and he sends his regrets and best wishes. Ill. Bro. Orlan Weber is in the midst of moving from Edmonton to Fernie, B.C., and he sends his regrets, as well.

SGC: I'm going to ask Ill. Bro. Gilkinson to remind us of those Past Actives who have expressed regrets in not being able to attend this session.
Past Active Members not attending:

Robert Barnett
Ray T. Bryant
John D. Chadbourne
Gerald A. Chaulk
Stanley J. Clayton
William A. Cook
Phillippe DeCelles
C. Edwin Drew
Thomas V Hannan
Donald L. Lambie
Donald A. Murray
Ken Orr

Pierre A. Phaneuf
John A. Prosnick
O. Jack Sproule
Robert L. Taylor
Donald R. Thornton
Robert L. Waddell
Robert Wands
Alexander W. Watson
John E. Winch
James T. Wood
Gordon S. Young

SGC: A letter will go to all of these Past-Actives indicating that they were missed and remembered at Supreme Council, and also giving them an update of what happened at the Session in their absence.

SGC: And now, Ill. Bro. Gilkinson, have all the Deputies filed the necessary Reports?

Ill. Bro. Gilkinson: Yes, Sovereign Grand Commander, and they can be found on pages 64 to 118 in the Preliminary Proceedings, and they will be included in the Annual Proceedings.

SGC: So, Brethren, we are going to review the reports. I may vary it a little bit just depending on time and the ones that we don't do today, obviously we will get at tomorrow, as well.

SGC: I would refer you to page 57 in your Preliminary Reports, which is the Report of the Special Committees, and that was to be presented by Ill. Bro. Skip Whiteley. The Report that is in your Preliminary Reports, page 57, is really the Report that was given to me by the Committee last year when I had asked them to consider making changes or suggesting changes in how we looked after the awarding of the John Ross Matheson Awards. We, as a Supreme Council, took action on that last year.

Now, some of the things we decided to do as a Supreme Council are not what were recommended by the Committee, so I think it's only fair to point that out. The Committee still recommended that the Award be presented at these Sessions. In the past, that's what we did. The person being awarded the John Ross Matheson Award had to pay to come and his accommodation and everything else.

Last year, when we went through the discussion of this, we felt that it may be more meaningful for the individual to have a number of people there that were involved in his nomination process and also perhaps have family and friends involved, which would make it really quite difficult at these annual Sessions and the costs that are involved.

So we decided that we would really ask those people that we were designating what was best for them. Last year, in the fall, I went out to Victoria, I was doing an official visit, and we did it in front of, I think, well over a hundred Scottish Rite Freemasons, I awarded the John Ross Matheson Award to Terry Ackerman.

The one that we are going to do this year is a result of a nomination from last year and that individual, Gordon Curl, is here and will receive it on Friday morning, not at the banquet. It was his choice to do it here. I had offered to go to Guelph and I think when I was going to be in that region he was ill at that time, so he did not want it to take place. So I just wanted you to have that information.

The Sovereign Grand Commander called for the report from the Special Committee on Special Awards.

The Report from the Committee on Special Awards was presented by Chairman, Ill. Bro. Sydney (Skip) R. Whiteley, 33°.

Report of the Special Committee On **SPECIAL AWARDS**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

As your Chairman of the Special Awards Committee, I have received several inquiries related to the guidelines relative to nomination of brethren for the prestigious John Ross Matheson Award.

At the 140th Annual Supreme Council Session held in Halifax, our Sovereign Grand Commander requested our Committee examine the qualifications and guidelines related to the nomination process for the John Ross Matheson Award, and, further, to present him with an analysis of our deliberations for evaluation.

The following proposed amendments relative to the John Ross Matheson Award were presented on behalf of The Special Committee on Special Awards, to our Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada for contemplation, counsel, and consideration. As a Committee we trust we will profit from further mediation in the assessment of the criteria governing the prestigious John Ross Matheson Award.

1. As nominations for the award are being received from Scottish Rite Valleys within our jurisdiction, the nominee should be a Scottish Rite Mason in good standing within his Lodge and community. This should be mandatory and exclusive to Scottish Rite Masons.
2. In most cases, the nominee should not be an Active or Past Active member, current or Past Sovereign Grand Commander. It should be recognized that these brethren have already received significant recognition from their peers. There will, however, be exceptions from time to time, in which the application will have to be assessed on its own merit, notwithstanding the precedence and status of an individual.
3. The Committee members are unanimous in their recommendation to establish March 31st as the closing date to receive nominations for the award. This action would be two fold. It would permit the Committee to speed up the decision process, provide the Sovereign Grand Commander with their recommendations, receive approval, and advise the proposed recipient accordingly. It would allow the recipient to have ample time to make appropriate arrangements for travel and accommodation for the Annual Supreme Council Session.
4. The Committee is of the opinion that we should continue our practice to extend an invitation to the recipient and his lady, to be in attendance at our Annual Sessions. The awarding of the prestigious John Ross Matheson Award to its most distinguished recipients by the Sovereign Grand Commander is a prominent highlight for our Supreme Council, the recipient and his lady, coupled with the honour bestowed on his Valley.
5. Recipients for this Award reside in many communities within our jurisdiction, hence, they are expected to absorb the burden of travel and accommodation costs to the location of our sessions, thus incurring a substantial financial obligation. The Committee recommends consideration be given to having our Supreme Council assume all or part of the costs related to travel and accommodation expenditures or at least registration and accommodation expenses.
6. Should a recipient not be able to attend our Annual Sessions, arrangements should be tailored for the presentation of the Award to be made by the Sovereign

Grand Commander, or his designate, at a time and location convenient to both parties.

The primary focus of the Committee is to review and evaluate each of the applications we receive for the John Ross Matheson Award. In this Scottish Rite year, we have received one (1) application only, coupled with the eight (8) applications we have received in previous years. Recommendations of the Committee will be presented to our Sovereign Grand Commander for approval. However, in the final analysis the Committee on Recommendation have the responsibility for such deliberations.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to convey my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the dedicated personnel in our Supreme Council Office in this Scottish Rite year. In addition, we welcome the assistance provided by the Lodge of Perfection Secretaries, and the Presiding Officers within our jurisdiction. As a Committee, we profit from their dedication and commitment.

In conclusion, I wish to express my genuine appreciation to each member of the Special Committee on Special Awards team for their personal contribution, assistance, and counsel, to ensure that we achieved our objectives in the 2014 - 2015 Scottish Rite year.

Respectively submitted

Sydney R. Whiteley, 33°, Chairman
Robert S. Whitmore, 33°, Vice Chairman
Michael D. Farr, 33°
Loren W. Kline, 33°
John D. MacKenzie, 33°
Gordon S. Young, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Loren Kline, 33° and Robert S. Whitmore, 33° that the report from the Committee on Special Awards be accepted.
CARRIED

The Sovereign Grand Commander called for the Grand Secretary-Generals Report.

Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° presented the Grand Secretary-General's report.

Grand Secretary-General's Report

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is my privilege to present this annual report.

Annual Sessions

The Annual Session in Halifax, with 428 in attendance was very successful. Congratulations are due to Ill. Bro. Lloyd Meunier, 33°, his co-chair Ill. Bro. Kent Clarke, 33°, and their host committee for the extensive preparations necessary to support a

successful session and facilitate the conduct of the business of Supreme Council. All in attendance enjoyed themselves. The major area of needed improvement, the length of the Thursday and Friday evening banquets, has been addressed. That criticism was the common point of concern expressed in the post-session survey distributed to those attending the session. This criticism in no way reflects on the host committee or its efforts to support what was, overall, an excellent session.

Preparation for the Annual Session occurring in Windsor is now complete. General Chairman Ill. Bro. John Revell, 32°, assembled a large host committee that has worked for some time to prepare a first class event. The committee's willingness, under his leadership, to meet with representatives of Supreme Council on many occasions has been appreciated. Caesars Windsor will provide excellent accommodations, meeting venues and entertainment to those in attendance.

Future Sessions

The Valley of St. John's has been busily engaged in planning and preparing for the 2016 Annual Session to be held in that city. General Chairman Ill. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 32°, and his committee are predicting a very warm Newfoundland welcome to all who attend and favourable comments have been received from those wishing to attend that session and experience that warmth.

Additional confirmed session sites are:

2017 Montreal, Quebec

2018 London, Ontario

A meeting of Future Session chairmen and ladies programme chairs will take place on Saturday at the close of this Annual Session. This is a good time for these brethren and ladies to get a better picture of what needs to be done to prepare for a session, what works well and perhaps what pitfalls to avoid.

Grand Representatives

The Grand Representative system of Supreme Council is presently under review. A process to identify those who wish to serve in this capacity is on-going and, unfortunately, due to recent deaths there are vacancies that need to be filled.

Scottish Rite Membership in Canada in 2014-2015

Membership in the Scottish Rite now stands at approximately 15,300 according to the most recent figures available. This continues a trend of declining membership, however, that trend is primarily accounted for by deaths, demits and suspensions that outnumber new memberships. It is important to note that well organized and well attended Master Masons nights have proven successful in attracting new applicants for the degrees. Continuing to pursue initiatives that attract new members and thereafter provide them with an experience that prompts their retention as active members will create a solid foundation in our Valleys for future achievement as a demographic balance between deaths and applications is reached.

Supreme Council Office Updates

Reformatting of ritual books continues as the Ritual Committee revises the degrees and makes its finished product available. The lectures of all degrees are now available on our website at www.scottishritecanada.ca. All HIG's and Valley Secretaries who have registered can access the degrees on the website under the Ritual Tab. The general membership can obtain the rituals through their Valley Secretaries.

A streamlined process for the submission and consideration of applications to amend Valley by-laws has been established. This is part of a general effort to examine office processes, improve them where appropriate and to incorporate them into an office manual for the instruction and guidance of current and future employees.

The office undertook the administration of registration for this annual session, in an effort to expedite communication and process between the Supreme Council office and the Valley of Windsor and between the office and those registering for the session.

A programme to provide education and training opportunities for staff is in its infancy. It commenced in January and, hopefully, will be monitored for its utility as part of an overall performance review process in the future.

The office staff have been diligently working to process and record all donations flowing through it to the capital accounts of either the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation or to those of the Learning Centres of the donor's choice. Regular reports have been provided detailing the progress of the Valleys in meeting their assigned targets and in tracking the overall amount of all donations.

III. Bro. Jacques Ruelland, 33°, has been engaged to complete the translation of our Statutes and Regulations into the French language. This will build on the appreciated efforts of III. Bro. Pierre Phaneuf, 33°.

Conferences Attended

Report of the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America

February, 2015 Vancouver, B.C.

The theme of the conference was "Building a Stronger Tomorrow". The Grand Secretaries' Conference featured Mark Rustin as its keynote speaker. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine spoke on the "Bonds of Fellowship and Spirit" conveying a message that we need to continually challenge ourselves with new opportunities for education and spiritual growth and indicating how it is an essential aspect of Freemasonry that we do so.

A canvas of Grand Secretaries was made to determine the effectiveness of various Grand Representative Programmes. The consensus held that they should be scrapped if not managed with commitment.

Richard Elman, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, spoke on the subject of criminal background checks on applicants. There are a number of private companies in the U.S. that can be engaged to report on searches of court documents for information on those convicted of criminal and quasi-criminal offences. The importance of doing

such checks is increasing as the internet has created a number of applicants that petition based on what they learn about Freemasonry from internet sources rather than from a personal connection with Masons known to them. The need for caution is paramount where no lodge member can vouch for the applicant. It points out the need for some initiatives to delay accepting petitions until the prospective member has interacted with the brethren in social settings. Of importance to the Scottish Rite is the caution that any one check is a snapshot in time and that character investigations and such checks need to be renewed periodically as a person applies for further membership within the Masonic family. This concern has also been expressed by the immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Michael Skaff, Vice-President of Technology for the Grand Lodge of California, spoke on two topics; "Information Data and Security" and "Social Media". Regarding the first, he stressed that the question regarding cyber security is not if one will be victimized by hackers but when; that security is a pressing need that sophisticated companies are challenged to maintain. The stakes are high. Tim Cook, the CEO of Apple, has remarked, "If we don't do everything we can to protect privacy, we risk more than money. We risk our way of life." Bro. Skaff stated that we need: stronger standards and policies governing data systems and their use, reduction in the number of passwords and log in sites through which people can gain access to data, and greater understanding of the integration between systems and how to protect them.

His talk regarding social media echoed that of earlier presentations at the conference. Social media can be a useful tool but it has within it inherent dangers if not used wisely, given the permanence with which ill thought out comments remain to embarrass those who post them and those who perpetuate them. The harm such comments inflict on organizations associated with these people can be significant.

A canvas on inter-jurisdictional requests for information was conducted with the observation that the internet and social media make it much easier to circumvent normal Grand Lodge channels and approval processes. It was stressed that some things, like the inter-jurisdictional requests for money need to go through the respective Grand Lodges as do most lodge to lodge communications. Of particular concern was the request for identifying information regarding people that may or may not have been Masons in a jurisdiction. The need to prevent disclosure of information that could facilitate identity theft is critically important for the individuals/families involved and for the Masonic bodies that respond to such requests.

Russ Charvonia, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, presented on the topic of Civility noting that it is a phenomenon harder to find in society. He pointed out that Freemasonry is well placed to respond and improve this situation given its history of fostering civil dialogue and building civil societies. The problem of incivility, at least in the U.S., has become so bad that since February of 2014 seventeen Grand Lodges have participated in a Masonic Civility Task Force, meeting once a month to develop programmes to address the issue of incivility. This task force has teamed with the National Civility Centre to assist it in pursuing its initiatives. Perhaps one measure of the

prevalence of incivility as opposed to civility is the fact that as of February 2015, Wikipedia had a definition for incivility but not civility.

Other topics of limited relevance to our Scottish Rite included presentations on the George Washington Memorial, the Masonic Service Association and the World Conference of Grand Lodges scheduled for November in San Francisco.

A more thorough treatment of the Conference can be found on our website in the general membership area.

Report of the Thirty-third All Canada Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges

March 2015, Winnipeg, Manitoba

This conference convened the last week in March with all Grand and District Grand Lodges present with the exception of the Grand Lodge of P.E.I.

Your Grand Secretary-General was afforded the opportunity, with our Sovereign Grand Commander, to inform those present of a motion submitted to the Grand Lodge in Ontario to amend the Constitution of that Grand Lodge so that a new Scottish Rite jewel would be recognized and its wearing be permitted in craft lodges within that province. This proposed amendment was before the brethren for consideration at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in July and was approved. The new jewel has been ordered from our supplier and we hope to receive them prior to the Session in Windsor.

Reports on the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America were presented by M.W. Bro. Phillip Durrell and M.W. Bro. Jerry Kopp respectively.

All Grand Lodges present, including the District Grand Lodge, made presentations of information requested in Jurisdictional Questionnaires. This innovation resulted in the reports dealing with common issues identified in the questionnaires creating an increased focus on issues of mutual concern.

Other reports included one on the Western Canada Conference and one detailing the findings of Commission on Information for Recognition.

III. Bro. John Green, as Deputy of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, presented on the Development of Masonic Leaders. He reviewed the work product of eminent scholars retained by Grand Lodge to examine this issue and make recommendations.

III. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of B.C. and Y and also the Grand Secretary/Registrar of the Valley of Vancouver spoke on "The Element", that group of otherwise fine Masons of some seniority that often carry a chip on their shoulder when it comes to any suggestions to make changes in the way lodges conduct their business.

Both of these presentations were thought provoking and interesting.

Another initiative introduced at this year's conference was three break-out sessions for Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and for Grand Secretaries and Observers.

These groups were given topics to discuss and formulate thoughts to present to the whole group as follows:

- The Grand Masters focused on programmes, real or proposed, to address declining membership.
- The Deputy Grand Masters focused on responding to rapid changes affecting the craft.
- The Grand Secretaries were to identify positive changes that improve office performance.

This was an excellent conference, structured to focus all attendees on issues of mutual concern and identifying the ways in which these issues are or can be addressed. The full report on this conference can be accessed on our website.

The Ad Hoc Communications Committee

This year saw the completion of the process of identifying willing and talented brethren to act as Valley liaisons to the Communications Committee. The focus of the Committee this year has been on promoting the 50th anniversary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and in particular, on garnering support for its fundraising initiative to raise \$1M for the capital accounts of the Foundation and the Learning Centres. Attempts have been made, with mixed results, to publicize the initiative in local media. In addition, presentations have been made in craft lodges and in other venues on request. Use of the Foundation video produced by Mindpress Inc. last year has had a positive impact, not only in donations but also on the willingness of Master Masons to consider applying to the Rite when it has been presented at Master Masons nights. This points out the interrelated nature of the three initiatives of Leadership, Membership and Communications announced by our Sovereign Grand Commander at the Winnipeg Session in 2012. It is hoped that the Communications Committee, after the campaign concludes, will focus on the task of getting news stories from the Valleys to the communications media of the Scottish Rite and assist in the interchange of ideas between Valleys for addressing common issues.

Closing Remarks

Thank you to the Deputies who have adapted well to the reporting format introduced last year. Your efforts in communicating with the Valleys on matters of mutual concern is appreciated as is the timely provision of the information necessary to the work of the Rite.

I have been blessed to have served our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, 33°, whose leadership style allowed for a free and frank discussion on any number of issues. The Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, through his experience as Chief Operating Officer, Grand Secretary-General and in his present capacity has been a steady source of support and wise council and I thank him for another year of fruitful collaboration.

In closing I wish to thank the staff of the Supreme Council Office for their support of my efforts over the last year. Few people realize the demands and work load that occupy

their time on a continual basis as the Scottish Rite year runs from one Annual Session to the next, let alone in a year when the work associated with the SRCF Anniversary added to it significantly.

The general membership knows there is an Annual Session of Supreme Council. The Valley secretaries have a wider picture regarding the business they must conduct with the SCO. Those that attend the office on a regular basis see a dedicated team working in a fast paced environment to achieve great results for a variety of interested brethren, often under difficult circumstances, for the benefit of the Rite.

This year the term “difficult circumstances” is especially poignant given the sudden passing of our Chief Operating Officer and friend to all who knew him, Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°. Ken died on the cusp of this Annual Session and in harness, as he fulfilled his duties in the office on a Saturday. His passing was a great loss to this Scottish Rite and to a number of other Masonic bodies which he served at high levels and with characteristic diligence. More importantly, his loss has left a bruise on the heart of everyone privileged to have known him. A special thanks this year is expressed to Leslie Drake and Lucy Berthoud. They carried on the work of preparing for a successful session although upset and under stress. They did what Ken would have wanted and they did it well and faithfully. I thank you Ken, for your support and friendship over the years. May God bless you and those you have left behind, now and always.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°
Grand Secretary-General

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° and Terry A. McLean, 33°, that the report from the Grand Secretary-General be accepted. CARRIED

SGC: Ill. Bro. Gilkinson, I want to commend you on all the work that you have been doing these past three years. You can see by the thoroughness of his reports that he goes out of his way to keep us informed and with a lot of detail, and takes his responsibilities very, very seriously. I thank you for all your support during this last Triennium.

Ill. Bro. Gilkinson: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: I wanted just to make a comment about Grand Representatives that were just mentioned. It is the prerogative of the Sovereign Grand Commander to appoint Grand Representatives. I have not done so in my tenure up until more recently.

There have been a number of deaths in the last three years, there have been a number of Grand Representatives who have indicated either verbally or by writing that they wish to be relieved of those responsibilities, and the Lieutenant Grand Commander and I have met and discussed it on several occasions.

I have agreed and have done appointments of, I think, about five or six Grand Representatives and we are waiting on confirmation from those other Supreme Councils and that will take place.

The rest of the openings – and there are quite a few - I have suggested to Ill. Bro. McLean that he could take on that responsibility when he becomes Sovereign Grand Commander, and that's what we have done. So I have not made any appointments without consulting with him and he will have the opportunity to fill those other ones as time goes on.

The Sovereign Grand Commander called for the Grand Treasurer-General's Report.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer General was given by Ill. Bro. Tom Lewis, 33°.

Grand Treasurer-General's Report

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am once again pleased to present the Annual Financial Statements and the Auditor's report for the year ended May 31, 2015, which will be published in the Annual Proceedings of this Session. Copies of these financial statements, which were approved following a meeting with our auditors, can be found in the "Preliminary Reports." The Financial Statements constitute both a general and detailed report of all revenues and expenses during the year pursuant to Article 28 (c) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council.

The audited financial statements for Supreme Council for the year ended May 31, 2015, were reviewed and discussed in detail with our auditors Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Accountants. For the year ended May 31, 2015, your Supreme Council experienced an **excess of expenses over revenue before unrealized gain (loss) on investments** in the amount of \$ 20,600 as compared to an **excess of expenses over revenue** in the amount of \$ 5,303 for fiscal 2014.

The statements of operations and the related schedules of expenses, which can be found in the "Preliminary Reports" present the results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2015 together with the comparative figures for the year ended May 31, 2014.

The Draft Budget found in the "Preliminary Reports" outlines in detail the results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2015 compared to the 2015 budget approved at last year's annual session of Supreme Council.

In many areas, the operations for the year compared favourably to budget. (See the Draft Budget for fiscal 2016 with comparison to the 2015 budget to actuals in the "Preliminary Reports").

General Comments

Declining membership and its effect on the annual per-capita assessment to Supreme Council continues to be a concern to your Grand Treasurer-General. Dues (per capita assessments) and fees continue to decline (2015 - \$ 189,090 vs. 2014 - \$ 197,625).

Administration expenses and office up-grades were addressed in fiscal 2014 and accordingly administrative expenses have been reduced by \$ 30,775. (2015 - \$ 188,708 vs. 2014 - \$ 219,483)

Your Grand Secretary-General would like to congratulate the Valley of Halifax on their successful hosting of the Supreme Council Session in Halifax. Not only was it a success as a session, but financially was extremely well done in that the Session resulted in an excess of revenue over expenses of \$ 637 before the Travel Allowance of \$ 28,512 for an overall Session Cost of \$ 27,875.

As indicated elsewhere in the "Preliminary Reports", the recent volatile markets with respect to oil prices and various geopolitical concerns has adversely effected the portfolios which indicate an overall decline of \$ 23,982. This coupled with the fact that it was necessary to withdraw \$ 110,000 from our general investments to fund operational costs.

The Investment income and realized (net) capital gains indicate a decrease for the year of \$ 8,218. (2015 - \$ 92,862 vs. 2014 - \$ 101,080)

Given the improving market conditions, as well as new efficiencies in the Office of the Grand Secretary-General, at this time your Grand Treasurer-General does not propose to adjust the per-capita assessment at this time, however given that there have been no per-capita increases since 2009, it may be deemed necessary to propose an increase next year.

Financial Instruments

As indicated in the notes to the financial statements, effective June 1, 2008, the organization adopted the accounting and disclosure requirements of the CICA's two new accounting standards, Section 3862, Financial Instruments Disclosures, and Section 3863, Financial Instruments – Presentation.

Effective June 1, 2008, the organization also adopted the CICA's new accounting standard, Section 1535, Capital Disclosures, which requires the disclosure of both quantitative and qualitative information that enables the users of financial statements to evaluate the entity's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital.

The new standard did not have a material effect on the financial statements.

As a result of the foregoing policy, it was necessary to provide for an unrealized loss on investments in the amount of \$ 43,245 which resulted in an overall **excess of expenses over revenue** of \$ 63,845 (i.e. \$ 43,245 + \$ 20,600).

Investments

Our investment portfolios continue to be in the care of R.B.C. Dominion Securities and given the low investment rate returns on fixed securities, producing investment income is a challenge to say the least. The value of the assets of the Supreme Council as at

May 31, 2015 consisting of cash on deposit and cash equivalents, investments at fair value together with amounts receivable, inventory and prepaid items, less liabilities for accounts payable and fees paid in advance totaled \$ 1,651,008 as compared to \$ 1,714,853 as at May 31, 2014.

Our investment income aggregated \$ 66,130 for the year ended May 31, 2015 as compared to \$ 82,010 in the prior year. The net gain on the disposal of investments during the year amounted to \$ 26,732 as compared to net realized gain on the sale of investments in the prior year of \$19,070. Your Trustees and Investment Advisors continue to work within the guidelines of the Supreme Council Investment Policy, whereby the portfolios are generally managed within a maximum of 50% / 50% split of fixed income to equity investments. The details of the investment portfolios can be found in the audited financial statements and in the report of the Trustees.

Note: Giving consideration to cash requirements during the past fiscal year, it was necessary, as indicated above to transfer from the General Investment Portfolio amounts aggregating \$ 110,000 to fund ongoing operations of Supreme Council.

In accordance with Art. 28 (d) of the Statutes and Regulations, your Grand Treasurer-General has submitted a draft annual budget plan for the ensuing fiscal year i.e. June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. This proposed budget has been submitted to the Chairman of Audit and Finance and his committee for review and will be addressed in detail in due course and submitted for your approval.

Actions During The Year

In addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Treasurer-General as outlined in the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council, your Grand Treasurer-General, Grand Secretary-General and Chief Operating Officer are in regular communication throughout the year with our representative at R.B.C. Dominion Securities to review the investment portfolios and their performance.

Your Grand Treasurer-General, the Grand Secretary-General and the Chief Operating Officer have met on a regular basis to review various matters in connection with the financial affairs of Supreme Council and other staffing and office matters. As indicated above, we have also met with our Auditors, Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants to review their report and the year- end audited financial statements. A special thanks to our auditors Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, LLP for their overall assistance and interest during the year.

Special Candidates Fund

Once again, I am pleased to report that as a result of your confirmation to establish a Candidates' Capital Fund, (2005) this new fund, as outlined in the audited financial statements received the initial seed money of \$15,000 together with the contributions from the candidates and investment income over the past few years. The investment portfolio for this fund at fair value now aggregates \$ 147,622 plus cash equivalents of \$ 2,997 for a total of \$ 150,619 as at May 31, 2015.

This fund will increase with the contributions from this year's class by \$ 8,800.00, i.e. 44 x \$ 200. From here on in, the joining fee as outlined in the Statutes and Regulations of

Supreme Council of every new Honorary Inspector-General will include an amount of \$ 200 or such amount as determined by Supreme Council from time to time. This amount will be invested in this Special Candidates' Capital Fund.

The \$ 8,800 from this year's class has yet to be transferred to the Special Candidates' Fund maintained by R.B.C. Dominion Securities and duly deployed.

Again, it is suggested that when the fund becomes a **meaningful** amount, annually Supreme Council would perhaps withdraw eighty-five (85%) percent of the income earned by the fund to assist with the financial operations of Supreme Council. The capital would remain intact. Accordingly, each year the fund will increase by the fifteen (15%) of the investment income retained in the fund, as well as the contributions made by the fees paid by the new Honorary Inspector-Generals and hopefully by capital appreciation on the investments being held. This recommendation, now implemented will provide an annual renewable source of capital in the future.

General Comments

I would again laud the efforts of our Sovereign Grand Commander and Lieutenant Grand Commander on their ongoing efforts to introduce meaningful programs to address **membership decline, leadership requirements and communication skills** within Scottish Rite. This effort has also included new promotional material for distribution to potential candidates. Further initiatives are to be undertaken in fiscal 2016 with a membership video being prepared, a special assembly of the Supreme Council Deputies in Hamilton this November and other educational endeavors.

Your Grand Treasurer-General continues to be ever watchful of the financial health of Supreme Council, but is equally cognizant of the ever increasing costs being experienced at the Valley level. At this time, and as indicated above I would propose no adjustment be made to the per-capita assessment to the Valleys for the ensuing year.

The hosting of the Annual Sessions of Supreme Council continues to be challenging to say the least, especially the financial matters pertaining thereto. This is evident from the wide swings in results from session to session and the declining attendees at some of the sessions.

However, I would again like to congratulate the Valley of Halifax on not only their successful Session, but the equally successful financial results.

A Special Congratulations.

Conclusion

In closing, I would once again wish to record a word of appreciation to all the Supreme Council staff for their loyal support throughout the year. And to all the Supreme Council brethren who have conscientiously applied fiduciary accountability in helping Supreme Council keep expenditures to budget.

Your Grand Treasurer-General acknowledges the work and efforts of Ill. Bro. Kenneth Rutherford, 33°, Chief Operating Officer and a very special thanks to Ms. Leslie Drake and all the staff at the Office of the Grand Secretary-General.

Again, a special word of thanks to Ill. Bro. Richard A. H. Brown, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander and Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General and again Ill. Bro. Kenneth Rutherford, 33°, Chief Operating Officer and the office staff at Supreme Council for all their assistance rendered to the Grand Treasurer-General during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Lewis, 33°
Grand Treasurer-General

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Tom Lewis, 33° and Duncan S. Skinner, 33° to accept the Grand Treasurer-General's Report and the Trustee's and Auditor's Report (on page 173 under Financial Statements & Reports). CARRIED

SGC: Ill. Bro. Lewis, did you want to propose an auditor for the upcoming year, at this time, as well?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Tom Lewis, 33° and Duncan S. Skinner, 33°, that the chartered accountant firm of Grant Thornton, LLP be engaged as our auditors for the year 2015/2016. CARRIED

SGC: I'm now going to ask Ill. Bro. Robert Whitmore to lead us through the Report of the Jurisprudence and Legislation Committee. On page 46 in the Preliminaries is where it starts.

Sovereign Grand Commander called for the Report from the Committee on Jurisprudence & Legislation.

Ill. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore, 33° presented his report.

Report of the Committee On **JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGISLATION**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation is required by our Statutes and Regulations to consider all matters referred to it, with particular reference to amendments to the Statutes and Regulations and to report to this Supreme Council accordingly.

Part I of this report covers amendments presented to the Grand Secretary-General and published in a timely manner as required by ART. 47.1(a) i and ii.

Part II of this report covers the Committee's report on the allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Part III of this report will cover amendments, if any, proposed at the Annual Session and which meet the requirements as set out in ART. 47.1(b).

PART I

This year your Committee has received the following notices of proposed amendments to the Statutes and Regulations and, in accordance with ART. 47.1(a) (iii), your Committee reports thereon as follows:

Note Re Special Treatment of Presenting Amendments

To present these amendments in a format which your Committee hopes will make them easy to visualize and understand, they are attached to this Report as separate schedules and the amended wording is underlined and the deleted words are so indicated.

WORDS OF CAUTION

Your Committee wishes to emphasize that in reporting that these proposed amendments are found to be regular, your Committee is in no way endorsing nor commenting on the merits of any particular amendment but merely is stating that it has been found to be regular so as to be considered and voted on at the upcoming Executive Session of this Supreme Council.

1. Amendment to Article 26 (a) (iv) (8)

That the present Article 26 (a) (iv) (8) be amended so as to insert the words, “the Extinguishing of the Lights” after the verb “attend” and the word “and” before “Relighting ceremonies” so that Subsection (8) will then read as follows: “grant permission to have families and friends attend the Extinguishing of the Lights and Re-lighting ceremonies.”

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

2. That the present Article 12 and Regulations 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.5.3, and 8.5.4 be deleted and that the current Regulations 8.5.5, 8.5.6, 8.5.7, and 8.5.8 be renumbered to be 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.5.3, and 8.5.4.

For your assistance, a copy of the provisions to be deleted pursuant to this proposed amendment is included as Schedule 1 to this report.

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

3. That Article 13 be amended to change the word “computation” to “assessment” so as to read as follows:

ART. 13: Any Honorary Inspector-General, who changes or has changed his permanent residence to a place outside the province or territory from which he was nominated, shall not thereafter be reckoned in the ~~computation~~ assessment of the number of Honorary Inspectors-General to which such province or territory is entitled, but shall be deemed an Honorary Inspector-General at Large. (1972)

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

4. That Article 14 be amended by deleting the words following the word “Large” so as to read:

ART 14: This Supreme Council may create Honorary Inspectors-General at Large, ~~and in the computation of the number to which the province or territory of his permanent residence is entitled such member shall not be reckoned.~~

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

5. That Article 75 (e) be deleted:

ART 75(e): ~~Every application shall be presented to the body at a regular or special meeting and referred to a Character Committee of not less than three members, whose duty it shall be to make full enquiries as to the character of the applicant and any other relevant matters, and to report thereon at the next regular or special meeting. This requirement shall be deemed to be fulfilled if the three members of the Character Committee have investigated and appropriately signed the application form of the candidate prior to its submission. In this case, any three members of the constituent body in good standing may constitute themselves to be the Character Committee for a particular applicant. (2000).~~

And that a new Article 75(e) be enacted as follows:

ART 75 (e): Every Application shall be submitted to the Grand Secretary of a Lodge of Perfection, Registrar of a Chapter of Rose Croix, or the Grand Secretary of a Consistory as the case may be. If the Application has been signed only by sponsors it will then be referred to a Character Committee, which shall be appointed by the Presiding Officer, of not less than three members, whose duty it shall be to make full enquiries as to the character of the applicant and any other relevant matters and to report thereon at the next regular or special meeting. Such full enquiries shall include an internal assessment by the committee if the character of the applicant is known to its members, or in the event that the character is not known to the committee, it shall contact such members as it deems appropriate, which shall include at least one of the sponsors and at least one other member in good standing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any three members of the Constituent Body, provided no such member has also signed the Application as a sponsor, may, subject to the approval of the Presiding Officer of that Body, constitute themselves to be the Character Committee for a particular applicant if they have signed the Application as such and state thereon that they have made such an internal assessment and other enquiries as necessary so as to be satisfied as to the character of the Applicant. In such a case then the requirement for a Character Committee and investigation shall be deemed to be fulfilled.

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

6. That the current Form 6 be amended so as to be consistent with the abovementioned proposed amendment to Article 75 (e) and with the current Article 75 (d). A copy of the proposed amended Form 6 is attached as Schedule 2 to this report.

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

PART II

This portion of the Report will be included following the review of the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

PART III

This portion of the Report will be included in the event that any amendments are proposed at the Annual Session and which meet the requirements as set out in ART. 47.1(b).

Your Committee thanks the Grand Secretary-General, Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°, Executive Secretary, Kenneth R. Rutherford, 33°, and all members of the staff of this Supreme Council for their assistance and advice to the Committee throughout the year.

As Chairman, I also extend my sincere personal thanks to the members of this Committee as listed below for their collective advice, input, wisdom and experience with respect to the work of your Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Whitmore, 33°, Chairman

John V. Lawer, 33°, Vice Chairman

Richard A. H. Brown, 33°

Robert G. Wands, 33°

Ray T. Bryant, 33°

Addendum to the Report of the Committee On Jurisprudence And Legislation

Schedule 1 - Proposed Changes to Statutes and Regulations

(2014)

STATUTES RELATING TO THIS SUPREME COUNCIL

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ART. 12. ~~(a) Effective with the entitlement calculation for the year 2004 for election at the Supreme Council Session of 2004, to be coroneted at the Session of 2005, each province or territory shall be entitled to the number of Honorary Inspectors General equal to three percent of the number of Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons who are members of the Lodges of Perfection within the province or territory as of the end of any fiscal year, without regard to the lodges of which they are members, based on the Lodge of Perfection membership numbers as reported to the office of the Grand Secretary General as of the 31st day of May, two fiscal year-ends prior to the election referred to in ART. 10. Where the percentage calculation results in a fraction, the entitlement must not be rounded upward.~~

~~If the Deputy feels it is necessary to nominate more than three percent and up to three and one half percent, the Deputy will submit to the Sovereign Grand Commander a proposal for approval stating the reasons and how the increased number over the three percent will benefit the province or territory. (2005)~~

~~If the foregoing does not produce the ability to nominate anyone in a Province for that particular year, then the Deputy or Deputies for that Province may submit in writing to the Sovereign Grand Commander a request for approval to nominate one Honorary Inspector General in excess of the calculations for that Province referred to above. (2011)~~

~~(b) The calculation for entitlement for such election shall be based on the number of existing Honorary Inspectors General as of January 31st prior to the election referred to in ART. 10., plus current Honorary Inspectors General Elect to be coroneted at the next following Supreme Council Session.~~

~~(c) An existing Honorary Inspector General, regardless of when he received his Honorary Inspector General Degree, who is 75 years of age or more, at midnight of the day prior to the closing of the next following Supreme Council Annual Session, shall NOT be reckoned in computing the number of Honorary Inspectors General to which any province or territory shall be entitled for election at the next following Supreme Council Session. (1999)~~

Nomination Entitlement Formula

~~8.5.1~~ — Refer to Article 12 of the Statutes for the Nomination Entitlement formula.

~~Note: the allowable number of nominations calculated as per Article 12 (a) of the Statutes apply to an entire Province and not to an individual Valley or Lodge. (2011)~~

~~Supreme Council Office~~

~~8.5.2~~ — During February of each year, the Supreme Council Office will supply to each Deputy, a report showing the calculation of the Entitlement of Honorary Inspectors General for his Province in accordance with Article 12.

~~8.5.3~~ — For 2004 and subsequent years, the report will be prepared using the following format:

- ~~a) Province~~
- ~~b) Number of 14° members as of May 31st of the previous year.~~
- ~~c) Maximum number of Honorary Inspectors General @ 3% of b).~~
- ~~d) Maximum number of Honorary Inspectors General @ 3 1/2% of (b).~~
- ~~e) Number of Honorary Inspectors General under 75 years of age on Friday of Supreme Council Sessions.~~
- ~~f) Number of Honorary Inspectors General over 74 years of age on Friday of Supreme Council Sessions.~~
- ~~g) Members at Large as of January 31st of the current year.~~
- ~~h) Candidates at Large September Current Year.~~
- ~~i) Regular Candidates September Current Year.~~
- ~~j) Credit at 3 % (c e i)~~
- ~~k) Credit at 3 1/2% (d e i) **~~

~~** Note: The 3 1/2% column is shown only to indicate the number of candidates a Province could possibly apply for by a Deputy under unusual circumstances and as per the procedure described in 1 above. (2005)~~

~~8.5.4~~ — The distribution of the provincial Entitlement to Valleys within the Province is at the discretion of the Provincial Deputy. However, for the information of the Deputy, the Supreme Council Office will also supply to each Deputy, a similar report showing the calculation of the Entitlement of Honorary Inspectors General for each Valley in his Province. (2005)

~~8.5.5~~ 8.5.1 Once a Nomination for Honorary Inspector-General is favourably accepted at a Session of Supreme Council, the Deputy for that Province, or his designate, shall approach the candidate and inform him of the honour, the cost involved, and the responsibilities of the office. Only if he accepts the honour, may communication of his impending conferral occur. (2005)

~~8.5.6~~ 8.5.2 As soon as possible, and no later than October 15 following the Annual Session, each Deputy will inform the Chairman on Membership Nominations, through the Grand Secretary-General, of the results of his contacts with the potential Candidates in his jurisdiction in accordance with Regulation 8.5.6. (2004)

~~8.5.7~~ 8.5.3 The names of the potential Candidates are not available for publication until after those potential Candidates have been contacted. Since the proceedings of the Annual Session will be produced after October 15, the report of the Committee on Membership Nominations may be published in those proceedings, excluding the names of the brethren who have declined the honour. (2004)

~~8.5.8~~ 8.5.4 In his report at the next Annual Session, the Chairman of the Committee on Membership Nominations will first report on the information received under Regulation 8.5.7 regarding potential candidates elected at the prior Annual Session. (2004)

Schedule 2 - Proposed Changes to the Application Form



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY OF CANADA

Under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE VALLEY OF _____

(Application must be completed in full to be considered)

Body applied for - **LODGE OF PERFECTION** ☐ **CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX** ☐ **CONSISTORY** ☐ Date _____

(Month, Day, Year)

Name of applicant _____ Name used _____ Name on Badge _____
(Surname, First, Others) (Please print name legibly in full) (First name or nickname)

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: Res: _____ Bus: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____
(Profession and/or position) (If applicable)

Marital status _____ Spouse's full name (if applicable) _____

Born on the _____ day of _____, _____ Current Age _____ Place of Birth _____

During the past six (6) months, my permanent residence has been as shown above. Yes No (Please circle one) If no, please indicate previous address:

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Member in good standing of _____ Lodge, No. _____, G.R. _____. Received Master Mason's Degree on _____
(Month, Day, Year)

Have you ever been rejected as an applicant for Scottish Rite membership elsewhere? Yes No. The answer to the previous question is mandatory. If yes, state where and when _____

Lodge of Perfection Member in good standing of (if applicable) - _____ Lodge of Perfection located at _____

Chapter of Rose Croix (if applicable) - Member in good standing _____ Chapter of Rose Croix located at _____

I received the 14th Degree on _____ I received the 18th Degree on _____
(Month, Day, Year) (Month, Day, Year)

As a Master Mason, being anxious to perfect myself in the knowledge of Ancient Craft Masonry by the cultivation of the ineffable and Sublime Degrees, I do most respectfully solicit admission to membership in the constituent bodies, commencing with the first body checked off at the top of this application, promising to conform strictly to the Statutes and Edicts of the Supreme Council 33rd Degree of Canada, and to the By-Laws of its constituent bodies. I acknowledge and agree that membership conferred upon me in any Body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada shall not create in me, by implication or otherwise, any proprietary right or interest in any of the property, assets or monies of this Supreme Council or of this or any other constituent body thereof.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

In consideration of receiving this application for membership, I consent to investigations being made from any source to my qualifications for membership in the Valley. I also release the Valley, and each of its respective members, and the Supreme Council, 33rd Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, from all claims which I may have from the investigations of my qualifications or my possible rejection if such should occur. I acknowledge and agree that all information relating to my application, investigation, acceptance, or rejection shall remain confidential between me and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. I further agree and consent to the transmission of my name, address, age, occupation, and any other personal information set out on this Form by e-mail or any other electronic or printed means. I further acknowledge and agree that this application and notice of rejection thereof, if such should occur, may be retained by the Supreme Council 33rd of the A & A S R of Freemasonry of Canada in a central database.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

In consideration of your receiving this application for membership, I consent to investigations being made from any source relating to my qualifications for membership in the Lodge/Chapter/Consistory to which this application is directed. (2003) I also release the Lodge/Chapter/Consistory, and each of its respective members, and the Supreme Council 33rd of the A&ASR of Freemasonry of Canada and each of its members from all claims which I may have arising from the investigations of my qualifications or my rejection if such should occur.

I acknowledge and agree that all information relating to my application, investigation, acceptance, or rejection shall remain confidential between me and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

I further agree and consent to the transmission of my name, address, age, occupation, and any other personal information set out on this form, by e-mail or any other electronic means.

I further acknowledge and agree that this application and notice of rejection thereof, if such should occur, may be retained by the Supreme Council 33rd of the A&ASR of Freemasonry of Canada in a central database." (2003)

.....
Signature of Applicant

I further acknowledge that there exists fees and dues for each of the bodies within the Valley, and that application for membership together with the fees and dues shown below, are for only one of those bodies.

Fees + Dues that must accompany this application are: \$ _____ for Lodge of Perfection _____ Chapter Rose Croix _____ Consistory _____

I have also signed the CONSENT and RELEASE

Signature of applicant accepting all conditions listed above _____

RECOMMENDATION OF SPONSORS

We recommend Bro. _____ as a fit and proper person to become a member of the _____, Valley of _____
(Please print name) (Please indicate which body being applied for)

Sponsor #1 (Please print name legibly)

Sponsor #2 (Please print name legibly)

Sponsor #1 (Signature)

Sponsor #2 (Signature)

COMPLETION OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISION IS OPTIONAL. IF IT IS NOT COMPLETED THIS APPLICATION WILL BE REFERRED TO A CHARACTER COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

The undersigned state that they have constituted themselves to be a Character Committee pursuant to Article 75 (e) for this Applicant and they have made such enquiries and investigations as deemed necessary as to the character of this Applicant and find no reason why this application should not be submitted to a ballot by the membership.

Print Name Degrees Signature

Print Name Degrees Signature

Print Name Degrees Signature

Date received _____

For Office Use Only

Referred to Committee _____

14° _____

18° _____

32° _____

III. Bro. Whitmore: Those were the amendments that were proposed in a timely manner, Sovereign Grand Commander. If I can just carry on before I conclude this part of the Report, there also was a notice of motion to amend the Statutes and Regulations specifically to provide for the establishment of the Scottish Rite Membership Jewel. This amendment, since it did not come to us in advance of the timeline, can only be considered by this Supreme Council provided there is unanimous consent given to its consideration in the first place.

So again, I just point that out and should that matter proceed, it would then form the basis of part three of our Report. So we can come back to that.

Just in conclusion, Sovereign Grand Commander, we, as well as the other Committee Chairmen who have reported, give our thanks to the Grand Secretary-General Brian Gilkinson and express our gratitude to the late Kenneth R. Rutherford and, as has already been stated and will be set out in our final version of the Report, join with all in expressing our sorrow with his untimely passing.

Part of the task of this Committee is to deal with by-law amendments that come from the various Valleys and some years that's a big job, and some years it's not so many, but this year was a pretty busy year in that regard and I can tell you that Ken played an integral part in dealing with that and trying to keep that process moving and organized. So the Committee certainly will miss him and is grateful for all that he did.

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion to receive this Report, with the understanding that we will go back through each proposed amendment to determine whether you are in favour of that or not. Are there any questions of III. Bro. Whitmore in terms of the Report?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Robert S. Whitmore, 33° and Matthew F. Todd, 33° for the adoption of this report. CARRIED

SGC: III. Bro. Whitmore, I am guessing we might not get through all these in the next fifteen minutes or so and I'm wondering if we could maybe just cherry pick a little bit here and see if we can deal with a couple of them and see how our time goes. And may I suggest perhaps the first one would be the one I would sort of characterize as the entitlement amendments.

III. Bro. Whitmore: The entitlement amendments begin with amendment number two in the Report, and so that would be to delete Article 12 and Regulations 8.5.1 through to 8.5.4., and then renumber the subsequent Regulations. So that amendment is being put forward.

Again, without repeating what I've already said, the end result is that nominations for Honorary Inspectors General would be based on merit. The process of having the Committee and then going through the approval process would remain the same, but candidates of merit would not be eliminated simply as a result of the arbitrary application of a computation or a mathematical formula.

SGC: Is there someone prepared to move amendments to Article 12 and the Regulations?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Marvin Munro, 33° and Allard Loopstra, 33° for the amendments to Article 12 and the Regulations of this report.
CARRIED

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: The next one would be Article 13, the amendment that says proposed is to simply change the word 'computation' to the word 'assessment'. I can say, Sovereign Grand Commander, that I think had the previous amendment not been approved, this amendment may have still been considered and it still, of course, can be considered.

I am not sure, given the fact that there will be no arbitrary assessment as to number, whether it's a computation or assessment, whether we need it at all, but certainly that is the amendment that is being proposed. So the new section would read as is indicated in the materials in the proceedings.

SGC: Thank you. Is there a motion to accept the amendment to Article 13?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Kenneth McComb, 33° and Gordon Greasley, 33° for the amendments to Article 13.

SGC: Any discussion?

Ill. Bro. Munro: Sovereign Grand Commander, why does it still say then, after computation is changed to assessment of the number of Honorary Inspectors General to which such province or territory is entitled? If there is no entitlement, why does it say entitlement in this section?

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: That is why I was indicating that given the approval of the previous amendment, this may not be required.

SGC: So I'm wondering, are you suggesting perhaps the Article just be eliminated or do we need to address the At Large...

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: The amendment as presented, that's what it was.

SGC: Yes, Ill. Bro. Taylor

Ill. Bro. Taylor: Given that, is there any need to have At Large members at all?

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: That's the next amendment.

SGC: So now we're dealing with...

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: That's Article 14.

Ill. Bro. Taylor: You're still going to create them, the question is if there is no entitlement any longer is there any requirement to have Honorary Inspectors-General At Large? Was the At Large to create a category where they were not included in the assessment?

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: Sovereign Grand Commander, the term 'At Large' is actually the next amendment, that's the amendment for Article 14.

III. Bro. Taylor: At the end of Article 13, it does say, 'shall be deemed an Honorary Inspector-General At Large.

III. Bro. Whitmore: Right.

III. Bro. Taylor: I'm asking is that even a term that is any longer required, if I understand the ultimate argument.

III. Bro. Whitmore: The amendment to Article 14 would not eliminate the term Honorary Inspectors-General At Large. I'm not exactly sure what it means, but once you take out the requirement. After last night's dinner we're all At Large.

III. Bro. Greasley: I wonder then if the core issue for both Article 13 and 14 is not, then, if members who move outside of their original home province or who are created by Supreme Council as Honorary Inspectors General, are they subsequently eligible to be promoted to Active Members based on their current residence, or is that the reason you would have an At Large category, so that they would not then subsequently represent a province as an Active Member?

SGC: I don't know, Brethren, if you're getting as confused as I am by this, but it would seem to me from what is being said on the table right now that perhaps, I don't think we can accomplish it now unless, I guess, there was unanimous consent, that there seems to be some thought that perhaps we should be eliminating Article 13 and 14 as a consequence of what we have done to Article 12. I'm just wondering, Ill. Bro. Whitmore, what is your considered opinion of that would be, if that's something maybe we should be looking at instead of what is proposed here.

III. Bro. Whitmore: I know that when I prepared this Report, I considered that, but then I also considered the fact that the previous amendment may not have passed. In which case these are two other independent amendments that may or may not have passed. Given the fact that the amendment eliminating the entitlement formula has passed, in my opinion I don't think Articles 13 or 14 are particularly relevant anymore. But it may be something that should be looked at and that these two amendments be deferred.

SGC: Brethren, given the time today and the fact that we are not going to complete this Report today, may I suggest that we think about that overnight and then perhaps when we next address it we could consider an amendment, with unanimous approval, to eliminate Articles 13 and 14? Would that be acceptable? So we can all sort of think about what is being said here? Having said that, with respect to the application process and the...

III. Bro. McComb: Sorry, Sovereign Grand Commander, do we have a motion on the floor?

SGC: Yes, I do.

III. Bro. McComb: Or you will have to get somebody to table one.

SGC: Okay. Thank you very much.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Loren Kline, 33° and James Sutherland, 33° to table to the motion with respect to the amendments to Article 13 and Article 14. CARRIED

SGC: Then could I ask you, Ill. Bro. Whitmore to address the Character Committee and the petition amendments?

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: Yes. The next amendment is to delete the current Article 75(e) and substitute a new Article 75(e), and to amend – well, that's the first part. The second part, then, is to amend the form.

SGC: Thank you.

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: Again, the wording of the new 75(e) is set out in the materials before you.

SGC: Is there a motion, then, to adopt the changes to Article 75(e) as presented?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Allard Loopstra, 33° and Tom Lewis, 33° to amending Article 75(e). CARRIED

SGC: Now, form 6, which is the petition which puts that into effect, is there a motion to amend the form?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Allard Loopstra, 33° and Ken McComb, 33° to amending Form 6. CARRIED

SGC: Again, this gives the options to the Valleys and a form that reflects that, and Ill. Bro. Ches, I think you were one of the ones that pointed out – where is Ches today? There he is. I think you were one of the ones that pointed that out to us last year and got us thinking about this. Now, I'd like to deal with the Membership Jewel, please.

Ill. Bro. Kline: Why don't we go back and pick up where the first amendment about extinguishing the lights...

SGC: I'm going to hold that until tomorrow when we finish the rest of the Report. I think it might take a bit of time, that's why I'm suggesting we hold off on that.

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: The motion that has been received, I think Brian has copies to be distributed.

Ill. Bro. Gilkinson: I do. I will pass them out.

SGC: So as I understand it, Ill. Bro. Whitmore, what we first need to do is unanimously agree to consider this matter. Is that correct?

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: Yes. That's under article 47.1(b). It says that if provided with the unanimous consent of the Active Members present, the amendment may be proposed in writing at the Annual Session.

SGC: So Brethren, is there a motion to allow this amendment to be debated at this Supreme Council?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Duncan Skinner, 33° and Gareth Taylor, 33° to allow the amendment to Regulation 1.1 (a) to be considered at this Annual Session. CARRIED

SGC: So, Brethren, this is simply now to allow us to consider this, we need your unanimous consent.

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: Sovereign Grand Commander, then the next step would be to refer it to the Committee on Jurisprudence, again to review it, to see whether the Committee feels that it is deemed Regular. Since we did have it ahead of time, that consideration has already taken place so the Committee finds the proposed amendment to be regular.

SGC: Thank you. So Ill. Bro. Gilkinson, would you like to speak to this?

Ill. Bro. Gilkinson: This is just an amendment to put the description of the Jewel in the Regulations, if we're going to use it, and if it's a Scottish Rite Membership Jewel it was determined that it should be in the Regulations. It is labelled as 1.1(a) simply because of the way the Regulations themselves are numbered. The first Jewel that is described is 1.1, so you start off with (a) if you're going to add something to that section, and it seemed that was the appropriate place to put it.

Now, the symbol of the Scottish Rite Jewel is exactly as it was described in the motion to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The dimensions really were not open to debate because that amendment to that Constitution probably would not have occurred if it was not exactly the same size as the York Rite Companion Jewel.

So there is really not a heck of a lot we can do to debate the content or the description of it. You really need to determine whether or not if we're going to have members wearing this Jewel. Do we want the description in our Regulations? And I think that's essentially the decision that we need to make here, particularly if we are going to start selling it later this week. So it's really a housekeeping matter.

SGC: Is there a motion?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Gareth Taylor, 33° to make the amendment to Regulation 1.1 (a). CARRIED

SGC: Brethren, just briefly, as you remember, this came about as a result of – and I'll address it in my Allocution – but as a result of a Scottish Rite member, I think it was in the Valley of Ottawa when I was visiting one day, saying, 'Why can't we wear a Membership Jewel in Grand Lodge?' And my reaction was, 'Well, I didn't even know anything about it, or anything', and so we started – this is well over a year ago – and spoke to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and said would they be open to approving a Jewel. And of course, we were told right away, 'Well, you know, we're not going to just give you carte blanche, you better produce exactly what it is you want us to approve'.

So we went through that process and we went through the process of proposing a motion at their Grand Lodge, which was passed in Toronto in July of this year. So it is something that the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario will allow Scottish

Rite members to wear in their Craft Lodges if they so desire. It is not sanctioned in any other province in the country. It may very well be by default in some Grand Jurisdictions that no one will really mind if a Scottish Rite member is wearing this Jewel if they so desire, and in other provinces it may take amendments to their Constitution, their Regulations. And that would be up to members of those particular Grand Lodges to follow suit, to seek that permission if indeed that is what they wanted to do in their particular jurisdiction.

This allows members to wear this in Scottish Rite meetings, as well, is really what we're doing here, if they so desire. It's nothing that is mandated or would be required or expected, it would just be available. So that's the idea.

Anybody have any questions about this before we take the vote on the amendment to the Constitution and Regulations?

And with that, they will be available for sale, I think, on Friday afternoon after lunch, so stay tuned.

III. Bro. Whitmore: Sovereign Grand Commander that approval had to be unanimous.

SGC: And it was, I believe.

III. Bro. Whitmore: It was.

SGC: Yes, thank you. So Brethren, I am going to just suspend any more action on the Jurisprudence Committee Report at this point, realizing we have the two issues. We have the amendment which would allow Deputies the right to grant dispensations for the extinguishing of lights, to make it available and open to families, and the other being with respect to Members At Large whether indeed we need anything in our Constitution anymore or not.

I want to give III. Bro. Gilkinson a minute or two here to perhaps give us any information we require in terms of the rehearsal and the dinner this evening. Would you like to do that, Brian?

III. Bro. Gilkinson: Yes, thank you Sovereign Grand Commander. The rehearsal is directly across the hall in Augustus I, starting at shortly after four. I believe that Steve Warren will be over there and he will probably want you to take seats that you normally would occupy. And Bob Brethour, are you prepared to tell people where they are going to be for the real thing over there, as well? Good, good. So I don't know whether there is going to be a procession, there often isn't, but if you can get over there and at least take your instructions on where you're going to walk to, from Robert, we'd appreciate that.

With respect to the dinner tonight, it's in Augustus III. Your program will say August III and IV, but because of numbers they have restricted us to Augustus III, which should be plenty big enough for the dinner tonight. Again, show up at six and there will be a complimentary ticket, we'll greet you at the door. Try and mix and mingle with our guests and make them feel as comfortable as possible, and then eat as if it was a Maundy Thursday supper, because we need to get back out into the get acquainted by eight o'clock.

That's one of the criticisms we received on earlier surveys from the Session, HIGs showing up or candidates showing up and they are looking for friendly faces and we're the only ones with them, so we need to get over there and talk to them as quickly as possible. Does that cover everything, Sovereign Grand Commander?

SGC: I think so. I believe – does anyone know what colour tags the candidates have? Is it yellow?

III. Bro. Gilkinson: Yes.

SGC: Yellow, okay. So if your candidates have got their tag on, you see the colour yellow, you'll know that they are candidates. And I like that idea so I can walk up to somebody and right away say, 'I see you're a candidate, and welcome', or whatever, rather than trying to figure that out any other way. So yellow tags will be candidates this year.

So Brethren, tomorrow morning we will reconvene at 8:30 for our Executive Session and then sharply by nine we will go into Regular Session.

III. Bro. McLean: Is that here?

SGC: That's back in this room, yes. That's tomorrow morning, right? Yes, and then we get as much done as we can. There is a candidates' meeting and we will do as much as we can as we get ready for the Vesper Service and the Degree tomorrow afternoon. III. Bro. McLean, it looks like you want to say something.

III. Bro. McLean: I just wondered, if it's slow did you want to start at nine?

SGC: Well, we do have the Executive Session. We've got to consider that.

III. Bro. McLean: Oh, that's correct.

SGC: Right. And I think, then, if we can conclude that tomorrow, then we won't need an Executive Session on Friday morning.

III. Bro. McLean: Right.

SGC: Okay. Anyone else, anything before we adjourn for the rest of the day here? Good, then we are ready to go. Thank you.

Get Acquainted Evening

Wednesday, September 15 ~ 8:00 - 10:00pm

The Actives and Past Actives, their Ladies and Guests of Supreme Council enjoyed a dinner in the Augustus III and IV in the Caesars Windsor Hotel followed by "A Get Acquainted Evening" in the Augustus II Room". The opportunity to mingle, meet with old and new friends, guests and to meet the new candidates and their ladies made a fitting end to a busy day, a very pleasant evening indeed.

► **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17** ◀

Executive Session 2
Thursday, September 17, 2015 ~ 8:30am
Saturni Room, Caesars Windsor

SGC: We'll meet in Executive Session first of all, to finish the voting we need to do with respect to HIG's and anything else, and then we will continue on from there. I hope everybody enjoyed last evening. It seemed to me that the Get Acquainted Reception was going well. There were lots of people milling around and chatting and renewing acquaintances and meeting new people. All the candidates I got a chance to speak to seemed to be quite excited and raring to go for today.

One thing I did not mention at the dinner last night, and I think most of you would have noticed when you came in to the dinner, you would have seen the table at the entrance with the picture of Ken Rutherford on it. I wanted you to know that that was really an initiative of the hotel. They asked us when we were here earlier on in the week, because Ken was so involved in the planning of this program and they were used to working with Ken, they asked if it would be appropriate for them to put a remembrance of Ken, then said that they would do that and asked us for a picture. So I wanted you to know that. I saw it when I walked in last night, but then I forgot to point it out to everybody at the time. But that was the thought with regard to the little table in the front there with the picture of Ken on it.

I think we are ready to go. Grand Prior, are you going to say something? Do you normally do this again this morning of – it's always time for prayer?

III. Bro. Farr: Not usually.

SGC: Okay, well, then I won't...

III. Bro. Farr: Vesper service at eleven.

SGC: Okay, we'll wait until then. So I'm going to ask Harold to resume giving us some direction with respect to the voting on the nominations for Honorary Inspectors General. You had outlined the numbers yesterday, I believe.

The Sovereign Grand Commander called on III. Bro. Harold E. Crosby, 33° to present the report from the Nominating Committee.

PSGC Crosby: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, yesterday I presented the Report from the Committee on Membership Nominations, giving you the names of 37 members of the Rite who are proposed to receive their thirty-third degree at the Annual Session in St. John's, Newfoundland next year. Sovereign Grand Commander, do you wish me to read the 37 names again?

SGC: I don't think that's necessary, unless anybody requests it. No, let's proceed then.

PSGC Crosby: Well, I would move, Sovereign Grand Commander, that we have a collective ballot on the 37 nominations.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Harold Crosby, 33° and Allard Loopstra, 33°, the collective ballot on all of those listed be taken. CARRIED

The Grand Secretary-General polled the Active and Ad Vitam members of Supreme Council. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidates so presented for promotion to the rank of Honorary Inspector-General in St. John's, Newfoundland in 2015.

The Sovereign Grand Commander declared the nominees duly elected candidates to receive the Honorary Inspectors-General, 33° at the 2016 Annual Session subject to interview by the Active Members.

SGC adjourned the closed section of this Executive and announced that any Honorary Inspectors-General who wished to join to enter.

SGC: I'm cognizant that several of our members are going to be going with the candidates, I think about 9:45, is it? And so I want to make sure that those things they are reporting on, we've had the opportunity to do that. So I am going to suggest right now that perhaps we could attend to some of the special committees, and I'm not sure if there are individuals here to speak to some of these or not.

III. Bro. Victor Lepp, 33° was called upon, by the Sovereign Grand Commander to give the Report on Library & Archives.

III. Bro. Lepp: In respect and in honour of Ken Rutherford, author of this Report, I will read it in its entirety. It's not very long, it's quite brief. It's found on page 56 of your Preliminary Proceedings.

Report of the Special Committee On **LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

To appreciate the importance of this report you need an accurate description of a library and here is a good one. "Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better." Sydney Sheldon

The Boyden Categorizing System for the reference and loaning sections of our library has been coded with the assistance of interns working for us as well as the Grand Lodge Library. The next process will be to list the resources on the website and publish them to the Valleys.

Masonic Books and Regalia continue to be received and a special thanks to all who have made these donations, they are very much appreciated.

We thank R.W. Brothers Charles Reid and Lanny Salmon of the Grand Lodge Library Committee for their assistance in many aspects, especially in making intern workers available in order to make the work economically efficient. While the Scottish Rite Library and the Grand Lodge of Ontario Library cooperate in many aspects, we are both organized and managed independently.

We are examining different methods of converting our older archival records to a digital format to increase their usability and durability. Much credit is due to those who have preserved these priceless records of our history. Our mandate is most certainly to do the same for those who follow us.

Thanks to the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Leslie Drake and Lucy Berthoud for your expertise and consideration.

Remember, my brethren, to build up a library is to create a life. It's never just a random collections of books.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Rutherford, 33°, Chairman

Donald L. Cosens, 33°

Victor Lepp, 33°

Tom Fiddes, 33°

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Lepp. Do any of the Brethren have any questions with respect to the Library and Archives Report?

ON MOTION duly made in the name of Ill. Bro. Kenneth Rutherford, 33° and seconded by Ill. Bros. Vic Lepp, 33° and Terry McLean, 33° that the report be accepted.

CARRIED

The Sovereign Grand Commander asked the Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° to give his report on the Clarion.

Report of the Special Committee On **THE CLARION**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

This report is a summary of the successes, opportunities, and areas that need review for future editions of the Clarion magazine.

Mission Statement

The Clarion is a joint publication of Supreme Council (SC) & the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation (SRCF) that provides news of "Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Action" in Canada, to inform, to educate, to provide awareness in our communities and to share our experiences and achievements.

Our ongoing objectives are to provide a 1st class quality publication, ensure every Scottish Rite members gets a copy and obtain revenue-generating opportunities so the Clarion becomes self-sustaining. The Clarion is a key component of our Communication initiative.

Brief Highlights on the 7th Edition of the Clarion Winter 2015.

Winter 2015 issue circulated to approximately 16,000 members across Canada as well as to all Supreme Councils with whom we are in amity. We also distributed copies for Master Mason's nights for new members.

The cover this year was entitled and primarily devoted to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada's 50th Year Anniversary (1964-2014) and pictured a collage of SRCF events on the cover page, depicting the membership in action across Canada.

Articles included a Summary Report of the History of the Foundation, Volume Two 1985-2014, The Capital Fund Raising Committee report including the One million dollar Capital Fundraising Campaign and a Donation form.

Other articles such as Your Valley News, the Book Review, and an article on the SR Leadership scholarship awarded to DeMolay in Canada have proven to be very popular sections.

You will notice in your registration bags in Windsor, a special commemorative (matte finish cover) edition of the Winter 2015 Clarion, for your keeping.

We continue to seek big name Advertisers to reduce the postage costs. Per edition - Full Page (back or inside cover) \$2,000, Half Page \$1,000, Quarter Page \$ 500. We thank Ecclesiastical Insurance and RBC Dominion Securities for their continued support.

Again we inserted the SRCF Blue envelop into the magazine. We would recommend this process be continued in all upcoming issues and our heartfelt thanks to the many donors.

In spite of rising costs, in year 7 we came under budget once again. Clarion current and back issues are now on the SR and SRCF websites at www.scottishritecanada.ca and www.srcf.ca.

Opportunities

We all continually need to do a better job of getting newsworthy stories from all Scottish Rite Valleys across Canada. Please email your wonderful stories and events of interest to the office at office@supreme33.ca.

Moving Forward

Continue to pursue Advertisers as sponsors.
Expand distribution of magazine to our publics and communities.
Put tenders out for Clarion printing, distribution and mailing.
Investigate on-line distribution.

Next Issue

Coming in December 2015, with an article submission deadline of Nov 1, the Clarion will highlight the many Valley success stories/activities with the 50th Anniversary Capital Fundraising Campaign, the SGC's Leadership Initiative as well as the standard popular sections.

My Urgent Plea has been heard! Thank you.

I, as Editor in Chief, will be retiring from this enjoyable project September 19, 2015. There will continue to be an Editorial Board composed of the Editor in Chief, the SGC, the President of the SRCF and one representative from Supreme Council and the SRCF. There will also be a new special committee entitled the Clarion Production Committee now chaired by the new Editor in Chief, Ill. Brother Kenneth McComb, 33°, Valley of Calgary. The new Editor in Chief will select a committee composed of skilled brethren in publishing and magazine design and layout.

Feedback Received

Once again very positive feedback was received on this issue. We have received many kind letters from our shut-in members. We trust you have found it an enjoyable and informative read.

Many thanks to the Valley Directors of Communications, all Valley Grand Secretaries/Registrars, the Deputies, all contributors of articles, Ms. Leslie Drake and Mrs. Lucy Berthoud, Administrative Associates for magazine co-ordination, Mindpress Inc. for design and layout and Len's Printing in Stoney Creek for their assistance and support.

A Special Acknowledgement to Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Allard B. Loopstra, 33°, for their vision and leadership in getting the newly combined Clarion publication started with the initial publication in 2009. It truly is a little magazine that grew.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. McLean, 33°, Chairman, Editor-in-Chief

Editorial Board Members:

Richard A.H. Brown, 33°, SGC

Allard B. Loopstra, 33°, President SRCF

Gareth R. Taylor, 33° Representing SRCF

Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°, Representing SC

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the Report. Any questions of our soon-to-be former editor?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry A. McLean, 33° and Allard B. Loopstra, 33° that the report on the Clarion be accepted. CARRIED

The Sovereign Grand Commander asked Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33° to give his report on The Communiqué

Report of the Special Committee On
MEMBERSHIP AWARENESS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS
(THE COMMUNIQUÉ)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The primary focus of the Committee has been on the production and circulation of the Communiqué as way of providing information to the Brethren across the country. In 2014-2015, the Communiqué was published 2 times, October - November 2014, and June - July 2015. This is in addition to the sixth edition of the Clarion being published this year.

The Communiqué reaches over 700 Scottish Rite Brethren across the country. This includes all Valleys where email addresses are available for the Secretaries and the Committee is appreciative to those Valley Secretaries who forward the Communiqué to Brethren in their Valleys.

This publication is dependent on the information provided by our members and it was very encouraging to see an increase in the number of articles and photographs submitted this year. We are deeply indebted to those who have taken the time to submit material for publication. Many of these were from Members or Valleys who have not submitted previously. We encourage Valleys to share your good news stories with Scottish Rites across the country.

Respectfully submitted,

Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, Chairman

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Taylor. Anyone have any questions with respect to Communiqué and how it's distributed across the country? I know I get it from my Valley as well as a direct one, so I think it is valuable information.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Gareth R. Taylor, 33° and Terry A. McLean, 33° that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

The Sovereign Grand Commander asked Ill. Bro. Donald Thornton, 33° to give the report on the Fraternal Relations Committee.

Report of the Committee On
FRATERNAL RELATIONS

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations is pleased to present this report in discharge of the duty imposed upon it by Art 40(c) of the Statute of this Supreme

Council to keep informed with respect to fraternal relations with other Supreme Councils and Masonic Bodies throughout the world, to advise the Sovereign Grand Commander with respect to the conduct thereof and to report thereon to this Supreme Council at each Annual Session.

In discharge of this duty the Committee is pleased to report as follows:

XIX World Conference of Supreme Councils

These Conferences are normally held at five year intervals. The last Conference was held in Toronto in 2010. This year's Conference was hosted by the Supreme Council for Portugal in Lisbon in early May.

Forty Supreme Councils were in attendance including the two Councils from the United States. The Canadian representatives were Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, accompanied by his wife, Bonnie.

At the Official Opening, the Address of Welcome was delivered by Sovereign Grand Commander, Richard A.H. Brown, 33°, representing Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Matthew F. Todd, 33°, President of the XVIII World Conference, followed by a welcome from the Sovereign Grand Commander of Portugal, Ill. Bro. Agostuiho J. Garcio, 33°.

The Accreditation Committee reported favourably on the credentials of all delegates and the Conference adopted the recommendation of the Place and Date Committee that future Conferences be held in Paraguay in 2020, Romania in 2025 and Italy in 2030.

Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, reported that the Conference itself consisted mainly with reading of papers on Freemasonry. Ill. Bro. McLean, who had served as Secretary of the XVIII Conference, commented that such Conferences should rather focus on being a gathering together to discuss the pressing issues that face the Scottish Rite community, how to improve them and how to measure that improvement.

Of the papers which were submitted to the Conference, he was particularly impressed with the submissions of the Supreme Councils of the Czech Republic and Latvia.

Ill. Bro. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Facebooked the Southern Jurisdiction membership with the question "What would you tell delegates to the XIX World Conference if you were given the opportunity to be present?" The responses were, firstly, "Share the light with the youth of this nation," and secondly, "Thank you for the wonderful gift you have given us."

Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America

The Annual Conference was held this year in Vancouver, BC, February 15 – 18, 2015. The Supreme Council of Canada was represented by Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Secretary General.

The theme of the Grand Masters Conference was "Building a Stronger Tomorrow." Ill. Bro. Gilkinson, who, as always, submitted a very thorough report, commented that a few of the presentations were common to both conferences.

A poll was conducted to determine the Grand Lodges using the Grand Representative Programme. It is fair to say that the programme was not well supported by the Grand Lodges although there was a comment that while it may not serve a useful purpose domestically, it was a good tool for communicating with overseas Grand Lodges.

The matter of requiring criminal background checks on applicants adopted by several American Grand Lodges, who use the services of private search companies for such purposes, was again canvassed this year. Ill. Bro. Gilkinson, 33°, a former Crown Attorney in Ontario, commented that Canada has no laws permitting this kind of private company search of court records to verify the criminal status of an individual.

Other topics presented included Information and Data Security, Social Media: Boon or Bane, Inter-Jurisdictional Communication and an overview of the upcoming World Conference of Grand Lodges scheduled to be held in San Francisco November 18 - 20, 2015.

The Annual Presentation this year by the Masonic Service Association delivered by its Executive Secretary was particularly instructive. The MSA responds to requests from Grand Lodges whose jurisdiction is in need of assistance – including Grand Lodges outside the United States.

Many will be familiar with the MSA's Short Talk Bulletins. Work is presently underway to consolidate past issues into some five volumes each of approximately 750 pages. The MSA continues to operate The Masonic Information Center. Its main goal at formation was to rebut the inaccurate information about Freemasonry being spread by the Baptist Church in some areas of the States. It continues to publish pamphlets to assist Masons in speaking about Freemasonry to public groups.

The MSA's third program is its annual organization of over 100,000 hours of volunteer visitations of Masons to 150 Veterans Administration hospitals. This service is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individual lodges, the Grand Lodges, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

All Canada Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges

The 33rd Annual Conference was held in Winnipeg March 27 – 28, 2015. Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, 33°, was in attendance but registered as Past Grand Master and current Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General attended as an observer and once again submitted a most comprehensive report.

The theme of the Conference was "Whither Are We Directing our Course?" All Grand and District Grand Lodges, with the exception of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island were represented.

The Report of the Commission on Information for Recognition to the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries in North America was given by Ill. Bro. Terry Shand, 33°, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

III. Bro. Shand reported that Brazil has two Grand Lodge systems recognized as regular, the Grand Orient and the Individual State Grand Lodges. A third has commenced, naming itself the Independent State Grand Orient. It is not recognized by either of the two regular Grand Lodges and the Commission has no evidence that this new Grand Lodge meets the standards for recognition.

The United Grand Lodges of Serbia requested to make a presentation seeking recognition to the Conference in Vancouver but at the last minute advised they would not be attending the Conference.

There are two Grand Lodges in Paraguay which bear exactly the same name leaving the surname of the Grand Master as the only method of distinguishing between them. The Commission has made no recommendation for recognition.

Australia

Correspondence was received last year, but too late to be included in this Committee's Report to Supreme Council, from the Grand Secretary General advising the officers of the Supreme Council for Australia for the term ending in June 2015.

It was also of interest to your Committee that V. III. Bro. D. De Candia, 33°, Grand Secretary General H. E., reported that the Supreme Council has proposed the Grand Chancellor, M. III. Bro. Cyril Hondris, 33°, be the Grand Representation for all Supreme Councils in Amity.

While it is true that in a number of jurisdictions the Grand Chancellor is the officer charged with responsibility for the oversight of foreign relations and correspondence with respect, thereto, is exchanged with him. Your Committee is unaware of any other Supreme Council where the Grand Chancellor replaces all Grand Representatives.

As Your Committee reported to the Annual Sessions of this Supreme Council in 2010 and 2011, when the subject of the viability and desirability of continuing the practice of the exchange of Grand Representatives was canvassed, on the initiative of this Supreme Council, on the occasion of the XVIII World Conference of Supreme Councils in Toronto held in May 2010, no support whatsoever was given to the suggestion that the exchanging of Grand Representatives be terminated. It is to be noted that the very distinguished M. P. Bro. Jack Ball, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, was the Australian delegate to the Conference. The subject is of particular interest to your Chairman who is currently Grand Representative of this Supreme Council near the Supreme Council for Australia.

On a very sad note word has been received that both M. P. Bro. Jack Ball and his wife, Ellie, are seriously ill. We have them in our prayers and hope that both of them will soon make complete recoveries.

Austria

Congratulations are extended to Sovereign Grand Commander III. Bro. Peter Grünauer, 33°, and the other officers elected for 2014 - 2015.

Chile

Appreciation is expressed to the Supreme Council for Chile for favouring us with a copy of its publication "Citerior".

Cuba

Correspondence was received from the Supreme Council for Cuba advising that in 2011 the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home for the Elderly had resolved to transfer operation thereof to the Supreme Council.

Apparently the facilities were in an extremely bad state of disrepair. Indeed, for the previous ten years the municipal authorities had been pressing for repairs to be effected. Much reconstruction has been accomplished but funds have now been exhausted and financial assistance is being solicited.

England and Wales

Best wishes are extended to M. P. Bro. A.J. Englefield, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and the other officers appointed to serve from January 1, 2015.

M. Ill. Bro. T.J. Lewis, 33°, Grand Treasurer General H. E. resigned on December 31, 2014. M. Ill. Bro. G.D.A. Elgood, 33°, Grand Captain General was appointed as his replacement. M. Ill. Bro. R.E. Furber, 33°, Grand Secretary General H. E. was appointed Grand Captain General and V. Ill. Bro. Dr. G.R.E. Shilson 33°, was elected to Supreme Council and appointed Grand Secretary General H. E.

France

Congratulations are extended to Ill. Bro. Jean Luc Fauque, 33°, and the other officers appointed to serve the Supreme Council for France from June 20, 2014. Regretfully Ill. Bro. Fauque and his wife, Catherine, will not be in attendance at this Supreme Council's Annual Session in Windsor, Ontario.

Greece

Your Committee extends best wishes to M. P. Ill. Spyros Camalakes, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and the officers of the Supreme Council for Greece installed in office on December 15, 2014 to hold office until December 2016.

In sending the baluster the Grand Chancellor Grand Secretary General, M. Ill. Demetrios Papacharisis, 33°, drew attention to the fact that since in Greece there are another five Supreme Councils some of them using the same eagle and logo, this Supreme Council on its letterhead has the picture of its Masonic Hall (which appears to be most impressive) and the address 19 Acharnon Street.

This Supreme Council is in fact the Supreme Council for Greece recognized by the Supreme Council of Canada.

Your Committee notes that last autumn a circular letter was received from one of the other Supreme Councils inviting attendance on November 15, 2014 at the 5th Panhellenic Amphictyony.

Your Committee takes this opportunity to caution Secretaries of Lodges of Perfection to always check the credentials submitted by applicants or visitors with the office of the Grand Secretary-General in Hamilton before proceeding to ensure that the credentials

have indeed been issued by a Supreme Council with which this Supreme Council is in amity.

Guatemala

Your Committee expresses its condolences to the officers and members of the Central American Supreme Council for the Republic of Guatemala on the death of Ill. Bro. Carlos Humberto Sandoval Paiz, 33°, Active Member.

India

Your Committee has been advised that due to ill health M. Ill. Bro. Guy Chatterton, 33°, had resigned from the membership of the Supreme Council. V. Ill. Bro. Bharat Venkat Epur, 33°, Grand Director of Ceremonies, was elected to the Supreme Council and appointed Grand Chancellor in his place.

The Grand Secretary H. E. Joseph J. D'Silva, 33°, also advised that due to the growth of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in India, the Chapters under the Supreme Council have been organized into Districts under the supervision of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General.

Israel

The Supreme Council for the State of Israel has advised that on November 27, 2014 it officially recognized the Supreme Council for Estonia.

Your Committee extends best wishes to the newly installed Sovereign Grand Commander, M.P. and Ill. Bro. Valentin I. Heines, 33°, on February 26, 2015 as well as the other newly elected Grand Officers for the period 2015-2016.

Mexico

Your Committee extends best wishes to Ill. Bro. Gaspar Antonia Ruiz Tenorio, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, and the officers for the Supreme Council of Mexico elected for the triennium 2015 - 2018.

Netherlands

Your Committee is in receipt of the Tableau of officers of the Supreme Council for the current term and extends best wishes to M.P. Maarten C. Leunk, 33°, and Executive Committee, other Grand Officers and Active Delegates outside the Netherlands.

Nicaragua

Your Committee has received from the Supreme Council for Nicaragua, the list of its officers elected for the period 2014 to 2023 and extends its congratulations to Ill. Bro. Noel Jesus Jarquin Moran, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, and all his officers for a successful tenure.

Peru

Congratulations are extended to Ill. Bro. Domingo Tristán, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, and the officers elected to serve the Supreme Council of Peru during the current term. The official notification also contained a brief reference to the founding of the Supreme Council on November 2, 1830 by Ill. Bro. José María Monzón, 33°, Canon of Trujillo Cathedral and Captain of the Armada of Independence, together with those present.

Poland

Your Committee extends best wishes to Ill. Bro. Marek Brzozinski, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, and the officers elected to serve the Supreme Council 2014 - 2015.

Romania

Congratulations are extended to Ill. Bro. Costel Iancu, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, and the officers elected on June 6 - 7, 2015 to serve the Supreme Council of Romania during the current term.

Spain

Your Committee is in receipt of notification that on January 8, 2015, the Supreme Council for Spain officially recognized the Supreme Council of Haiti.

Switzerland

Your Committee congratulates Ill. Bro. Jean-Claude Chatelain, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and the officers of the Supreme Council of Switzerland, on their election for the current term.

Turkey

Your Committee is advised that on May 2, 2015, the Supreme Council of Turkey established a relationship with the Supreme Council for Estonia.

United States of America

Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander's itinerary will include attendance at the 2015 Biennial Session of the Supreme Council 33° of the Southern Jurisdiction of the USA which will include the Centennial Jubilee of the House of the Temple in Washington on August 22, 2015.

Later in the month the Sovereign Grand Commander will be the guest of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction at its Biennial Session in Indianapolis, Indiana. This year the Supreme Council will be celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of its outstanding library at its headquarters in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Concordant Bodies

Your Committee is pleased to record once again the warmest fraternal relations existing across Canada between this Supreme Council and the Grand Lodges and Concordant Bodies which together compose the Canadian Masonic Family.

2015 Annual Session

Your Committee members are looking forward to meeting and enjoying the presence of our many friends from other Masonic Bodies when we gather in Windsor, Ontario, on the occasion of the 141st Annual Session of this Supreme Council.

The Supreme Council will have the privilege of extending fraternal greetings to M.W. Bro. John Cameron Green, newly elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, who will be accompanied by his wife, Barb. We are also pleased to note that M.W. Bro. Green is also a candidate to receive the degree of Honorary Inspector-General at this year's Annual Session.

A warm welcome awaits Ill. Bro. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° A. & A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction USA and his wife, Sunny. They will be accompanied by Ill. Bro. James D. Cole, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, and his wife, Mary Ann and Ill. Bro. Charles K. Sederstrom, 33°, Grand Treasurer General.

An equally warm welcome will be extended to the delegation from the Supreme Council A. & A.S.R. Northern Masonic Jurisdiction USA led by Ill. Bro. John William McNaughton 33°, accompanied by his wife, Judy, together with Ill. Bro. Gail Kemp, Deputy for Indiana, and his wife, Sandy, and Ill. Bro. David Bedwell, 33°, Deputy for Michigan.

An especial welcome awaits Ill. Bro. Eberhard Desch, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Germany.

An especial welcome also awaits Ill. Bro. Alexander Galbraith, 33°, Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Scotland.

Representing the Concordant Bodies we shall welcome:

Most Illustrious Knight Companion Thomas Roy Binns, 33°, G.C.C. Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist accompanied by his wife, Joyce.

Most Eminent Knight Gerald A. Riley, G.C.T., Supreme Grand Master, The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar, and his wife, Eileen.

Most Pre-eminently Distinguished Brother David G. Walker, 33°, KCPC, KGCY, Governor General, York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Ill. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore, 33°, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario and his wife, Judith.

Ernest Loiselle, President DeMolay Canada accompanied by his wife, Linda.

Conclusion

In conclusion, your Committee recommends that all communication and all actions taken by the Sovereign Grand Commander and other officers and members of the Supreme Council in respect of our relations with other Supreme Councils and Grand Masonic Bodies be ratified and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Lawer, 33°, Chairman
Donald D. Thornton, 33°
Matthew F. Todd, 33°
C. Robert Townshend, 33°, deceased
Orlan J. Weber, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Matt Todd, 33° and Terry A. McLean, 33° that the report be accepted. CARRIED

SGC: Thank you so much, Ill. Bro. Thornton for doing that. I know that when I spoke to Ill. Bro. Lawer on the weekend that he really wishes he could be here. You could tell it's really a labour of love on his part to assemble all this information once a year and put it together for us. Have any of the Brethren got any questions of any aspect of the Fraternal Relations Report?

SGC: Good morning, Brethren. So pleased to see so many of you got up or got your breakfast out of the way to join us. We have done our closed session business and we continued on with a couple of the smaller Reports on the Clarion and Communiqué, and you have got those in your preliminary reports. They were most informative and we just, as you were coming in, concluded looking at the Fraternal Relations Report, which again is a summary of what's happening in the world of Scottish Rite Freemasonry and some of the places I went to represent you this past year.

We have some outstanding business from yesterday. What I'm proposing we will do now is go back to the Jurisprudence Report and deal with the outstanding items there and then I'm going to ask Ill. Bro. McLean to be ready to do his State of the Rite Report, and then we'll follow it up with the Ritual Report this morning, as well.

So Ill. Bro. Whitmore, if you would like to remind us where we left off. I think perhaps I we start with respect to the entitlement situation that would be the one to deal with first of all.

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. For the benefit of the Brethren who were not here yesterday, we dealt with some amendments to the Statutes and Regulations and one of the significant amendments, the effect of which is to eliminate or take out the quota or the entitlement calculation for the nomination of Honorary Inspectors General.

That left two proposed amendments, Sovereign Grand Commander, one being an amendment to Article 13 and the other one an amendment to Article 14, which had been put forward on consideration of these amendments, given the fact that the main amendment dealing with the entitlement formula itself did pass. It would appear that the amendments to Article 13 and 14 as currently proposed may not be Regular and perhaps should be deferred and further thought given to those amendments in light of the passing of the previous amendment to do away with the formula.

SGC: We did have a motion yesterday tabling the amendment to Article 13. It could remain on the table if that was your desire, as well. If everyone is fine with this or understands what Ill. Bro. Whitmore is proposing, that we would operate on the basis of the new provisions with respect to nominations for Honorary Inspectors-General and we would take a year to take a look at how we want to treat the area of an Honorary Inspectors-General At Large, realizing that part of that provision is to provide an opportunity for the Supreme Council to make nominations as well, as opposed to going through a Deputy in a particular geographic jurisdiction. If there are no questions

perhaps, Ill. Bro. Whitmore, you could propose your suggestion in the form of a motion and then we could deal with it formally.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Robert Whitmore, 33° and Michael Farr, 33° with respect to Articles 13 and 14 be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation for further consideration, with the direction that they report back at next year's Session with any suggestions that might be. CARRIED.

SGC: Thank you very much, and Ill. Bro. Whitmore, now would you take us back for discussion? I think it was item number one.

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: That is correct. Item number one in the Report is a proposed amendment to Article 26(a)(4)(8) and the effect of that amendment is set out in the materials, but the end result is that we would be adding the words, 'the extinguishing of the lights' in subsection (8) so that overall it would provide the Deputy with the ability to give permission for the family members, etc., grant permission to have families and friends attend the extinguishing of the lights and relighting ceremonies. So the change is, then, to include the extinguishing of the lights; the relighting of the lights is already there.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Duncan Skinner, 33° and Gareth Taylor, 33° to the proposed amendment to Article 26(a)(4)(8) that the consideration for an open extinguishing of the lights ceremony be considered by this Supreme Council.

The Sovereign Grand Commander asked Ill. Bro. Duncan Skinner to elaborate on the merits of the proposal before a discussion ensues.

Ill. Bro. Skinner: All right. The Valley of Toronto held an open extinguishing ceremony a few years ago. We invited Bob Townsend, when he was Sovereign Grand Commander, to speak at that open ceremony. We had more than a hundred people at a sit-down dinner of roast beef and lamb. We proceeded from the feast into the Lodge Room and friends and family were told at the end of the ceremony everyone had to leave in silence. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, with the music and the table ceremony extinguishing of the lights. Everyone left in quietness.

When we got home my wife Carol said, 'I can see why you now love the Scottish Rite so much when these are the types of things that you do'. We held an open ceremony the subsequent year and I think we had more people attend that one. And then we were told we were in violation of Statutes and Regulations and we really couldn't hold an open extinguishing of the lights ceremony. So we haven't done it since.

But our Most Wise Sovereigns were very keen to have this ceremony open because the families and friends who did attend had a wonderful time. We don't believe there are any secrets being disclosed and we were happy to share the Scottish Rite Ritual that we could. We hold the Master Masons night and we have the second apartment of the 16th Degree, and we get more than a hundred Master Masons every time we hold a Master Masons night, and that's approved, and there are many things that are open. I talked to Michael Farr this morning and I'm not sure if Michael has any words of wisdom for us on this, but my recollection is there were no secrets being disclosed.

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Skinner. Just a slight, I guess, point of information. If I recall, I think during my tenure as Sovereign Grand Commander I was asked to give a dispensation to do this and my reaction to it was that I did not have the authority to do that because there was nothing in the Statutes that addressed it, and that is why I think this is a way, if indeed it is going to be allowed, that at least the Constitution would give some direction, in this case to the Deputies, in terms of whether they could consider it or not. But that is my only contribution in terms of how I sort of got involved with it this last three years. I just really felt that I was not in a position to make a judgment when asked. Are there other Brethren who would like to speak to this? I think, Ill. Bro. Farr, you seemed to be put on the spot there. I didn't know whether you wanted to make any comment.

Ill. Bro. Farr: Yes, I was.

SGC: Put on the spot. Could you go to the microphone just so everybody can hear you?

Ill. Bro. Farr: I don't remember anything really important about the discussion about this while walking back to our rooms this morning, except that I wanted to hear more about the discussion. On a point of information, I need clarification on the motion that's on the floor. I heard Duncan say that the motion be put on the floor for consideration. So what? It would seem to me that it should be proposed as an amendment to Article 25.

SGC: I took from Ill. Bro. Skinner's comments that is indeed what he was doing. He was saying, this is the proposed amendment in order that we can consider that.

Ill. Bro. Farr: Okay.

SGC: Ill. Bro. Matt Todd has indicated he would like to speak to this, as well, and if there are others, if you just want to stick your hand up or let it be known, we will make sure that you have an opportunity.

Ill. Bro. Todd: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, this is kind of a personal comment. When I joined Scottish Rite over thirty years ago, I joined the Lodge and then the Chapter and the following winter I received a notice about Maundy Thursday. And I was a bit naive about the workings certainly of the Chapter and, indeed, Scottish Rite at the time.

Being a devoted church person I certainly knew about the ceremony of Maundy Thursday, but when I went to that first Maundy Thursday service ceremony in my Scottish Rite Chapter, I was in total awe that the Scottish Rite indeed was carrying out a ceremony which, in such solemnity, and in my recollection – to this day I remember that night vividly. It was so quiet and the members of that Chapter carried out that ceremony with such dignity and we went to the banquet hall and there was hardly a word. We went through that ceremony without a word spoken. I have never missed a Maundy Thursday Service since that time and in fact every year I go to two. I go to my own Valley and I go to a Club ceremony.

I am not in favour of this amendment to the motion. I would like to see the Scottish Rite maintain the ceremony of extinguishing the lights for members. The Sunday relighting service has been open for a number of years to families. It is the hallelujah time of the resurrection and that is the time when we celebrate. So Sovereign Grand Commander, I oppose this motion.

SGC: Thank you for your comments, Ill. Bro. Todd. Ill. Bro. Crosby, you indicated you wanted to say something?

PSGC Crosby: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, I intend to vote against the change. A number of years ago we amended the Statutes to permit families to be invited to the Easter lighting of the lights, which is fine. Easter Day is a joyous time, it's a time to celebrate. Maundy Thursday is the build-up to the events of Good Friday, it's a very solemn time. I believe it should be restricted to members of the Scottish Rite where we take part in the Paschal Feast. I, therefore, am going to vote against the motion.

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Crosby. Ill. Bro. Greasley, you want to speak?

Ill. Bro. Greasley: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, I had approached this amendment with some concern. Maundy Thursday is my favourite time of the Scottish Rite year and I view it as being a central character of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. However, upon reflection last night and discussion with some Brethren, it is an essential character of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry and there is some value in sharing that with our close friends and our close family and with Master Masons.

There are no secrets, as far as I'm concerned, that are being communicated. We have opened the door by suggesting that they can come to the relighting of the lights ceremony. In my opinion, the relighting of the lights ceremony lacks a certain meaning if you have not witnessed the extinguishing of the lights. There was some feeling at our table among the wives that they felt that this would be something that they could share with their members, that they could help understand their husband's commitment to this great Order.

I think the way the amendment has been constructed is, by placing it in the hands of the Deputy by dispensation, the Deputy can tailor his response to the local needs and customs and desires of each Valley, so that this perhaps provides us with some flexibility to respect the traditionalist viewpoint, while allowing Valleys who wish to try this, the flexibility to do so.

I think in my position as a Deputy I might grant the dispensation, and if I observe it to be detracting from the nature of the ceremony in the Scottish Rite I might in the future not grant dispensation on the grounds that the experiment didn't work.

I think the way the amendment has been constructed gives us an opportunity to try this and to control this. So therefore, after some reflection, I think I am going to support the amendment.

SGC: Thank you for your comments. Any further Brethren like to make a comment? If there are no...

III. Bro. Gilkinson: Sovereign Grand Commander I could make a comment.

SGC: III. Bro. Gilkinson would like to make a comment.

III. Bro. Gilkinson: I will just indicate that historically this very issue was brought before Supreme Council some time ago in 1894, if memory serves, and they found the suggestion – well, some things are tradition, some things have principles that might stand the test of time, so before we dismiss the collective wisdom of an earlier Supreme Council, hear me out. That Supreme Council found the practice of opening up that particular ceremony to non-Masons especially egregious, to quote it. Notwithstanding – and again I’m quoting – that there was nothing in the area of secrets to be communicated. The ceremonies of extinguishing and relighting the lights are both ceremonies of Supreme Council. They are contained within our ritual package, and those two ceremonies address themselves in particular to Worthy Knights, Sovereign Princes. They don’t address themselves to anyone else. In fact, the content of the information conveyed in those rituals is focused simply on our group and our members. So it is ritual and whether or not it communicates secrets, there is a need to realize one fundamental thing: those lists of dispensations are not in themselves amendments to the Statutes and Regulations. Dispensations are there as an exception under certain circumstances to a Regular position that those things are exceptions and should only be granted in carefully thought out circumstances.

When I hear terms such as opening the door with the relighting of the lights, that is concerning. Because relighting the lights and the permission of family to be present at that ceremony does not mean that a dispensation should issue whenever there is a request for it. The default position is, this is part of a ritual package that focuses on us as members and if there was a reason for opening up to family on Easter Sunday, I think a very good reason is the distance some of us have to go on Easter Sunday to observe Christian worship.

There is no such compelling reason along that line for opening up a ritual on Maundy Thursday, when it really is a time of quiet reflection, no discussion during the feast, and we listen to a number of lectures and content that Masons themselves can understand the symbolism of. So I am certainly opposed to the amendment of Section 28(4)(8), for those reasons.

SGC: Thank you, III. Bro. Gilkinson. Again, I’m going to ask if anybody else cares to make a comment. Given the fact that there are obviously individuals who have expressed support and against this motion, and it will require a three-quarters majority vote to change the Statute, I’m going to ask III. Bro. Gilkinson to poll each of us individually on this so that we can keep count and we will know exactly if we have reached the three-quarter requirement or not. So with that, unless anyone else wishes to say anything, I’m going to call for the vote on the proposed amendment.

The GSG conducted a voice poll of the Active members. The tally did not constitute 75% of the vote, so the motion failed.

SGC: Brethren, I had absolutely no idea of how the vote was going to go and that’s why I wanted to poll, because I thought we might be counting hands for a while. But

given the fact that only 13 supported the motion, the motion is lost and the amendment is lost and we will move on from there. Ill. Bro. Whitmore, thank you so much for guiding us through Jurisprudence once again.

Ill. Bro. Whitmore: You're very welcome.

Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° was called upon, by the Sovereign Grand Commander to give the Report on the State of the Rite.

Report of the Committee On **THE GENERAL STATE OF THE RITE**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Introduction

In compliance with Article 40 (d) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council, your committee is pleased to submit this annual report which contains matters pertaining to the State of the Rite throughout this jurisdiction.

This committee is composed of the Lieutenant Grand Commander as Chairman and the members of this committee are all 10 Provincial Deputies across Canada.

This is the second year that the Deputies have used the new reporting guide template which allows them to comment/report on the general state of the rite in their Valleys under the following headings:

Membership
Communication
Leadership
Valley Fellowship
Uniqueness of the Valley
Valley Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges
Financial Health
Overall General Comments

The goal of this approach is to explore a more uniform type of reporting that addresses more deeply the issues of substance reflecting the condition of the Valley(s) and priorities of Supreme Council.

It is felt by focusing on the above specific headings and including some form of measurement, the Deputies along with Valley Leadership are able to focus on potential improvement solutions to the identified issues facing the Valley(s). The reporting can also be utilized to share Best Practices across the jurisdiction.

Valley Driven Membership Opinion Survey

To gauge and engage the Scottish Rite membership across Canada a membership opinion survey was delivered to 14,808 members via mail and email by Valley. The

deadline for the survey was July 2015. The overall return rate was approx. 22%. The Deputies and Valley leadership will be reviewing the results for improvement as required in 2015-16.

Across Canada

Appreciation and commendations are extended to the Deputies who have provided informative and comprehensive reports regarding the Valleys under their care and we recommend that the reports be carefully read to gain an appreciation of the ongoing efforts of the Valleys to promote Membership, Leadership, Communication and Fellowship in their respective Valleys. There are visible indications across Canada of pride in Scottish Rite membership, increased engagement of its members, good communications, and initiatives to attract and retain new and existing members. The Valleys' efforts to promote the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and especially their fundraising activities in the 50th Anniversary Year is also worthy of note.

Membership

The Committee noted that the Deputies observed that the Valleys are all aware of declining membership numbers with only some gains in a few Valleys.

An analysis of our membership numbers reveals the following:

- From 2003 to 2014 the membership of Scottish Rite in Canada fell by approximately 6808 from 21,616 members to 14,808 members – a drop of approximately 32%.
- The number of initiates reported for 2009 - 344, 2010 - 393, 2011 - 395, 2012 - 348, 2013 - 361 and 2014 - 347.

The growing popularity of Valleys to hold Master Mason information nights (including the presentation of excerpts from various degrees), to provide degree teams to assist with degree work in Craft Lodges, to provide educational programs to the members and to provide support to numerous projects within their respective communities all contribute to our efforts to attract Master Masons to our ranks.

Supporting our Foundation especially in its 50th Anniversary Year by organizing fund raising events not only benefits those organizations but also provides opportunities for members to work together on projects and present the Scottish Rite in a favourable light to their respective communities and the Master Masons residing in those areas.

Valleys are encouraged to review their own membership statistics and establish both short term and long term goals to improve their membership numbers.

Coming soon is a Scottish Rite Membership video! The objective of this new video is to be used as a recruiting as well as an informative tool for current and prospective members (Master Masons).

Leadership

Leadership training initiatives are occurring at Valley, Jurisdiction and Supreme Council levels. A number of the Deputies' reports mention concerns about identifying, training

and retaining leaders within the bodies. Jurisdictional workshops, national educational training materials, mentoring programs and perhaps amendments to the Statutes and Regulations may be necessary to address these very important areas. Supreme Council members are continuing their discussions and are gathering materials and utilizing Leadership tools on the website to address this initiative.

Communication

One can never over communicate! Valleys are encouraged to explore ways of improving communication with their members. A number of Valleys are providing information by means of newsletters, websites and revised notice formatting. The use of social media is being explored by several Valleys and is an added feature on scottishritecanada.ca

A Valley Communication network has been created to develop a communication strategy link as well as modes of communications among Supreme Council and the individual Valleys.

The development and distribution of brochures is also an important initiative in our efforts to provide Master Masons and our communities an insight into the mission of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Articles pertaining to Scottish Rite are occasionally included in Lodge, Concordant Body and Grand Lodge publications. Valleys are encouraged to explore those opportunities.

The Supreme Council Deputies and the Advisory Council continue to use conference calls as a means to exchange ideas and to provide updates to the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Our new national website (www.scottishritecanada.ca) continues to house key documents and resource information for the membership. New additions this year on the members section for HIG's and Valley Secretary/Registrars are the Rituals and for the members Valley newsletters. We extend many thanks to Ill. Bro. Joseph Chamberlain, 33°, Valley of Toronto and Kenneth McComb, 33°, Valley of Calgary, our co-webmasters, for their commitment and expertise.

The Clarion and Communiqué continue to fill important roles in the national communication strategy.

The committee encourages Supreme Council and the Valleys to read the complete Deputies reports to share best practices under the headings of what's unique in your Valley and how the Valleys are communicating and supporting the Craft Lodges.

Recognition

Your committee extends its sincere thanks to all who provided information in the preparation of this report and to:

The Active, Past Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council for their continued support of the Scottish Rite through their attendance at numerous Valley and concordant body events and their active participation in degree work. The Valleys for their efforts to recognize longstanding members of their respective Valleys and their efforts to provide social events to involve the families of their members. The Grand

Secretary-General, the Executive Secretary and the staff at the Supreme Council Office for their assistance to the members of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. McLean 33°, Chairman
Lieutenant Grand Commander

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Addendum-SGC's Leadership Initiative Update

Lieutenant Grand Commander-The Leadership Initiative

The Sovereign Grand Commander, during his term, has assigned the initiative of Leadership to the LGC. The Grand Secretary-General is working on the Communication initiative and the Sovereign Grand Commander is focusing on the Membership Initiative. If we do the first two initiatives well it will have a positive impact on the third.

The Provincial Deputies will once again participate in a second Deputies workshop on November 20-21, 2015.

The workshop will also afford leaders to identify, discuss and work on the "Pressing Issues" facing the Ancient and Accepted Scottish of Freemasonry of Canada today. Some of those "Pressing Issues" may be identified as:

- The relevancy of the Scottish Rite in this century to a Master Mason. We need to articulate to the Master Mason the purpose of the Scottish Rite
- Shining the Light on the Youth of this Country
- An Aging Organization
- Supporting of our Craft Lodges
- Replicating Oneself in the Scottish Rite
- Engaging our New and Existing Members
- Keeping up with today's Technology & Retaining our Basic Principles
- Current State of our Valley Buildings
- Diminishing Human Resources for Officer Line and Degree Cast Positions

There may be others?

An appropriate quote from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt “it’s like Mount Everest, you think you can never get to the top of these problems, but like climbing Mount Everest, you take a first step.”

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Committee by
Terry A. McLean, 33°, LGC

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. McLean. Are there any questions with respect to the Report? Again, thank you, Ill. Bro. McLean for all the work you do in coordinating those Deputies’ Reports, and I’d like to thank the Deputies for getting their reports in in a timely way so that this Report could be fashioned from the information that was submitted.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry A. McLean, 33° and Marvin Salmi, 33° that the Report on the State of the Rite be received. CARRIED

The Sovereign Grand Commander called for the Report on the Ritual Committee, presented by Ill. Bro. Loren W. Kline, 33°.

Report of the Committee On **RITUAL**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The committee has reviewed the 15°, 16°, and 18° Rituals.

15° - On page 34, Zerubbabel should be described as coming from “the house of Solomon” not the house of Judah. Judah was an administrative unit at the time and “house of Judah” would not have made sense.

16° - In 1965, the ritual committee of the day added a new character, the Prince of Elam, who takes the first half of Zerubbabel’s oration about women and then Zerubbabel is left with a very short oration about Truth (which wins him the contest). The Apocrypha was consulted and the speech restored to conform more to what the Bible reports of the event. The rest of the changes are grammatical or very minor (e.g. removing “Dominion of” from the ritual book.

18° - There were a large number of grammatical errors in the ritual. There was also a tendency to always abbreviate the 4 cardinal directions. This seemed unnecessary, and the full spellings restored. In one place the wrong number of knocks was given and were corrected. In one place it is 8 and 1 instead of the correct 6 and 1. In the instructions in how the word Hoschea is communicated the instructions had the addition of the word “downward” i.e. the word is spoken when the hands with interlaced fingers are moved downward. In the opening the MWS should say “Save we beseech...” not “We beseech...”. The token forms 2 crosses NOT a double cross (poor connotation). The Glossary was redone to conform to the Oxford Dictionary of the English Language. An optional piece on the possible original of the sign of the Good Shepard was offered for Valleys to consider.

Appreciation:

I thank the members of the committee for their input on reviewing the ritual. On behalf of the Committee, I express my sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°, as well as the Office for their support and assistance. In addition, the committee chair thanks for assistance in locating old copies of the rituals which the committee uses to try and determine what changes might have occurred in the rituals. Ill. Bro. Shandalla, 33°, has continued to provide much valuable feedback.

Respectfully submitted

Loren W. Kline, 33°, Chair

Alexander W. Watson, 33°

Michael Ward, 33°

Orlan J. Weber, 33°

John Shandalla, 33°

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Kline. I would assume that when this Report is adopted the suggested changes will soon make their way to the official copies of the Ritual, which will have a less obscure place on the website so that the Secretaries can access it.

Ill. Bro. Kline: Ms. Drake has already assured me that the changes are in hand and will be made once they are official.

SGC: Great. So again, I thank you for all your work. I had access to that obscure closet on one of my trips to the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Hamilton and it is quite a ways and quite a difficult thing to get to, but there are some interesting materials in there, for sure. Anyone have any questions of the Chairman of the Ritual Committee? You have heard the suggested changes. Yes, Ill. Bro. Farr.

Ill. Bro. Farr: Ill. Bro. Kline, are those the same archives you are talking about as Ill. Bro. Vic Lepp was talking about earlier?

Ill. Bro. Kline: No, I don't think so. No, they are nothing to do with the library. I should point out just very quickly, if the Sovereign Grand Commander doesn't mind, just also point out to the Brethren that one of the reasons why we like going through the very old Rituals is because they used to be individually typed on one of those antique machines nowadays we call typewriters, and so there was plenty of opportunity over the years for grammatical and typographical errors coming in, and as we have moved electronically they were scanned in and so sometimes those errors got in that way. So that's why we like to read them word for word.

SGC: Thank you so much for your work on that. I know it can be difficult.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Loren W. Kline, 33° and Michael Ward, 33° that the report be accepted. CARRIED

SGC: Thank you so much and the work of your Committee, and again I ask the Brethren to take note and make sure their Valleys go on the website to see those changes and consider them when they are doing their work. Now, I'm not sure who from the Deputies Committee was going to report. Ill. Bro. Fitzsimmons, perhaps you could

let the Supreme Council know what you delved into – I guess it was yesterday morning, or what you would like to share with them, anyway.

III. Bro. Fitzsimmons: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, I want all of you to know that if any of you have any disagreement with what I'm going to say, Ill. Bro. Loren Kline was the Chairman and I am only the lowly Secretary and therefore the messenger. Do not shoot the messenger.

Brethren, it's only my intention because – thank you for the heads-up, Sovereign Grand Commander, I'm happy I had my notes with me. So it is not my intention to delve into a lot of detail, but it's important that you know that as the Deputies' meeting is held an hour-and-a-half prior to the arrival of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Lieutenant Grand Commander and our Ill. Bro. Secretary - they come in and they shoot us if they don't like what we were talking about, so...

The following is a condensed version of the "In Camera" Deputies' Meeting.

This is a meeting held annually before the beginning of Supreme Council. The purpose being that the Deputies meet amongst themselves regarding issues emanating from their various Valleys. Afterwards, these issues are discussed with the arrival of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Lieutenant Grand Commander and Grand Secretary General. These meetings have proved beneficial to all concerned.

1. First item discussed by the Deputies was the way in which the Lt. Grand Commander was selected. This was an item that the Deputies felt was surrounded by too much secrecy. Even though the Nominating Committee of Supreme Council plays a large part in the selection, the Deputies had questions about the procedure. For example: does the nominating committee accept names from outside the committee?
2. Some of the Deputies of the larger Valleys had questions regarding how various reports from Valley Secretaries were treated. The point being that sometimes Deputies were left out of the loop between Supreme Council and the Valley Secretaries (reports, audits, etc.)
3. There was a brief discussion on the Deputy's Bursary Programme. It was felt by all that this programme gives the SRCF great publicity and should be kept and publicized to its fullest extent.
4. Scottish Rite Clubs: some of the Deputies were not familiar with Scottish Rite Clubs. Historically, they have been more popular in Ontario and have proved very successful. This proved to be a very enlightening discussion.
5. The present dispensation form needed to be more simplified. Great discussion ensued, i.e. Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey, Deputy from British Columbia was appointed to work with the G.S.G. to simplify this form.
6. Great discussion ensued on how and when the various Valleys portray their degrees and when they hold their reunions.

7. Lively discussion on shortening the opening in the Lodge of Perfection. Even an alternative opening would suffice on evenings when there was much to do. This was referred to the ritual committee.
8. The Deputies felt that the changes to the ritual by the Ritual Committee was not always communicated to the Deputies. The Deputies asked if the changes to the ritual be included in their annual report of the Ritual Committee
9. Some of the forms sent out by Supreme Council cannot be edited. The Deputies would like to see a modernization of these forms, so they may be edited, or filled out and sent back on-line.
10. The question was asked if Valley Secretaries could send certificates out in the mail instead of having them personally presented. This was of concern to Deputies of larger jurisdictions where geography is an issue. It was even discussed that HIGs could do this instead of the Deputy.
11. Fifteen years ago a French Valley was started in Quebec. Retention was a problem. Now this Valley uses education, and a study of the meaning of the ritual to retain members. This has resulted in great retention and interest in the members because they are not forgotten after receiving their degree.
12. The Deputies would like to see a simplification of the financial forms and financial requests from Supreme Council. Some of the smaller Valleys don't have accountants, or brethren with accounting background to understand those forms. This has led to frustration and a feeling of helplessness because they don't know what to do.
13. One of the Deputies mentioned to me after the meeting (we ran out of time) that some of the Brethren had asked if Supreme Council would come up with a Scottish Rite Tie sanctioned by Supreme Council.

These are in part the minutes of the annual Deputies' Meeting.

So in a nutshell, Sovereign Grand Commander, I think that's about it. I don't want to take any questions because I might get shot, but I know that if somebody doesn't like it, Ill. Bro. Kline will come up here and take the beating.

SGC: I felt, Ill. Bro. Fitzsimmons that I was actually in your meeting from all the detail. Do any members of the Supreme Council have any questions of Ill. Bro. Fitzsimmons?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Bill Fitzsimmons, 33° and Stephen Godfrey, 33° that the report of the Deputies' Workshop be accepted. CARRIED

The Lieutenant Grand Commander and Grand Secretary General were excused to go to the Candidates' Seminar.

Ill. Bro. Duncan S. Skinner, 33° was called upon to give his report on Audit and Finance.

Report of the Standing Committee On **AUDIT AND FINANCE**

To the Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren.

As you know, the duties of this Committee are outlined in The Statutes & Regulations in Article 40 (a) (i) through (vii).

Constituent Bodies - By-law Amendments

During the year, as the Chairman of this Committee, I have reviewed the requests for by-law amendments and provided comments to the Grand Secretary-General and to the Chairman of Jurisprudence and Legislation.

Reports of the Grand Secretary-General, Grand Treasurer-General, the Board of Trustees and Auditors

The Committee has examined the Annual Reports of the Grand Secretary-General, the Grand Treasurer-General, the Board of Trustees and Auditors as printed in the Preliminary Reports at pages 2 through 24. These reports were found to be informative and complete. The Committee recommends their adoption.

Audited Financial Statements

The Committee reviewed the audited financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2015 in detail. The auditor, Grant Thornton, provided a clean audit opinion.

For the year ended May 31, 2015 Supreme Council incurred an operating deficit, or excess of expenses over revenue (before investment income and unrealized gain or loss) in the amount of \$113,462 compared to a deficit of \$106,383 in 2014. Realized investment income of \$92,862 reduced the deficit to \$20,600 compared with a deficit of \$5,303 in 2014. After recognizing unrealized losses on the portfolio of \$43,245 in 2015, there was a net loss of \$63,845. In 2014, there was net income of \$102,107 after unrealized gains of \$107,410. Supreme Council's investment portfolio is stated at market and the changes in value are flowed through the statement of operations.

The Audit and Finance Committee recommends that the audited financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2015 be accepted as submitted by the Grand Treasurer-General. We wish to thank our auditors, Grant Thornton, for their assistance throughout this fiscal year.

Budget 2015-2016

The Committee has reviewed the budget prepared by the Grand Treasurer-General for Supreme Council for the financial year 2015-2016. The cost of the Annual Sessions and declining attendance are concerns expressed by the Grand Treasurer-General, and the Audit & Finance Committee share his concerns. This year's Session in Windsor is hoped to be financially successful.

Almost 3 and a half months elapse after year end before Supreme Council meets in September to approve the budget. The Committee asked what authority exists to allow Supreme Council to pay bills from June 1st to the Annual Sessions each year in the absence of an approved budget. The Committee members discussed whether a draft budget could be prepared in March and circulated to the Committee for our review before being given to Advisory Council in April. The Committee appreciates that expense estimates in February and March are not as good as actual year end results in May. But there may be value in looking at the budget before the financial year begins in June each year.

The conclusion of the discussion amongst the Committee members was that the Sovereign Grand Commander has full authority to direct the activities of Supreme Council in the absence of an approved budget. To pass a motion permitting bills to be paid during the period from year end until the Annual Sessions seemed in a way to be administrative. But we thought we should bring it to the attention of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

The Committee believes the budget to be reasonable for the current fiscal year and, therefore, recommends the adoption of the budget as presented by our Grand Treasurer-General. Sessions have been committed for St. John's in 2016, Montreal in 2017 and London in 2018. The Committee strongly recommends that plans for future Sessions beyond 2018 be carefully considered by the Advisory Council.

The fourth point of the Mission Statement of our Supreme Council reads that the Scottish Rite is a financially sound organization which leads by example.

I have already made observations about Supreme Council's finances in the previous sections. Now I will address the Committee's reviews of the Valleys' financial returns.

Financial Statements of Constituent Bodies:

- *It is the duty of this Committee to examine and report on the financial statements of the constituent bodies.*

Results:

- Not all Valleys submitted their financial statements and the Valley's auditors' reports. This concerns the Committee since these documents are supposed to be presented to the members at the AGM of the constituent body or the Valley.
- Some of the reviews by the Committee are incomplete due to lack of information and we will continue our work after the Annual Sessions.
- As of September 8th, 12 Valleys (or constituent bodies) out of 46 had failed to file their financial reports for the most recent financial year. This is an improvement over 2014 when 22 did not file. However, many of the returns were not complete as requested but did allow the Reviewers to perform some type of review.

Forms and Statements

- Some changes will be made to the AF Forms for 2015 reporting in 2016.

Results: (Just a few)

- Some preparers used prior year's forms which have fewer formulas to avoid out-of-balance conditions. i.e. A balance sheet has to balance.

- Some preparers followed instructions and the forms generated the correct results.
- Some preparers do not know how to use Microsoft Excel and Word.
- Some Valleys have elected (appointed) treasurers who do not have an understanding of basic accounting.
- Treatment of Life Membership Trust Funds still does not comply with Statutes & Regulations in all cases.

Some examples related to Regulations 10.1 through 10.6 for Life Member Trust Funds, also called Commutation Funds

When a candidate pays commuted life member dues to join a constituent body, the money goes into a portfolio (called an asset) and the other part of the entry is recorded in the life member trust fund liability. The sign of the portfolio asset is positive and the sign of the liability is negative to allow for the double-entry accounting process to work the way it is intended.

At the end of each financial year, a constituent body has to compare the life member assets to the sum of actuarial liabilities for each member. If the assets are less than the total actuarial liabilities, Regulation 10 imposes restrictions. The Valley can engage the services of a professional actuary to perform the work. Or the Valley can use form AF5 to perform the actuarial calculations. The results should be fairly similar. The tables in Regulation 10 were adopted from the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Actuaries served on the committee that produced the tables for Grand Lodge. A real return of 3% was used in creating the tables. That is, a nominal return minus inflation.

The Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA) released updated tables and some new tables in 2014. One table indicates that the life expectancy of a man who has already retired is 86 years of age. I assume that the underlying assumption is that a man who has made it to retirement and avoided dying from disease or accident has a strong statistical probability of living to 86. However, just recently Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford 33° passed away at only 67 years of age. Membership longevity is not predictable.

Several Valleys seem to be under the impression that an “administrative Valley” which has designated the Lodge of Perfection as fiscal agent can combine the life member liabilities or commutation funds of all of the bodies just as it may have combined the investment portfolio. There is still an obligation to account for the liabilities by constituent body especially where there is a Consistory. Statutes & Regulations do not deal with accounting, only with policy.

Let’s use an example of a new member who is 36 years of age and assume that the commuted dues to join each of the three constituent bodies is \$500. Operating cost per member is \$30 and this means that the return on the portfolio should cover the costs. At the end of the year the Valley performs the Regulation 10 test. The actuarial liability per constituent body is \$695 and the asset is \$500. Not what you might expect. But this is why some Valleys have financial difficulties and why other Valleys switched to annual dues with initiation fees. Collecting the annual dues is avoided by commuted dues Valleys.

At an operating cost per member of \$40, the actuarial liability for the 36 year old member becomes \$927. And at \$50, the actuarial liability grows to \$1,159. The lesson here is to control the operating cost per member.

Now the principal reason that commuted dues have been a successful formula is the broad array of ages in the candidate classes. At present, more than 50% of Scottish Rite members are over 65 years of age. They were young men once, and the Valleys experienced tremendous growth in membership after WWII through the 1980s. As incomes rose so too did the value of the commuted dues charged to become a member.

The actuarial liability of a member who is 76 years of age is \$227 [at \$30 operating cost]. At 55 years of age, the actuarial liability is \$481. In the example of the 36 year old, the Valley has to wait until that member turns 55 before the dues paid are more than the liability. And this assumes that the Valley does not spend any portion of life member capital.

The example also highlights why it is necessary for a Valley to keep track of life member liabilities by constituent body and not combine them in the accounting records. Portfolio assets can be co-mingled for efficient management and hopefully to negotiate lower fees.

Each constituent body has Letters Patent of Constitution and each commuted dues body received approval from Supreme Council for the commutation of dues. It seems to me that the requirement to maintain the history of the life member liabilities by constituent body is necessary. However, Statutes & Regulations are not that clear. But remember that Statutes & Regulations are more like a policy document than accounting standards. The accountants have to interpret the policy to ensure that the history of the life member funds is retained in the accounting records even if the Valley reports annually as an administrative Valley.

To illustrate the concepts let's look at a Valley with three constituent bodies. A candidate who is 54 years of age joins each of the Lodge, Chapter and Consistory and pays commuted dues of \$500 to each body. Operating costs are \$30 per member per body. Portfolio return is 5%, or \$25. You can already see another problem. At the end of the year, there is an operating loss of \$5 and in order to pay the bills, the constituent body takes \$5 from life member capital. Then it does the Regulation 10 test. Asset \$495, actuarial liability \$541. The restriction imposed by Regulation 10 is that only the return on the portfolio assets, and not the capital, can be used to pay bills. So the constituent body will never have enough money.

Recall Charles Dickens' lesson: Annual income 20 pounds, annual expenditure 19 pounds 19 shillings and sixpence, result happiness. Annual income 20 pounds, annual expenditure 20 pounds and sixpence, result misery. [And the debtors' prison in his day.]

So let's assume a member of another Valley joins the Consistory and receives the 32^o, and that he is 76 years of age. The Consistory now has assets of \$1,000 and a return of \$50. Let's also assume that the incremental cost of a new member is \$10 since this tech-savvy 76 year old member will accept all communications to be sent electronically.

Operating costs are \$40 and the surplus is \$10. Actuarial liability of the two members at \$20 operating cost per member is \$512. The Consistory passes the Regulation 10 test.

Incidentally, the actuarial liability of a 76 year old at \$20 operating cost is \$152 and he just paid \$500 to join.

The Valley decides to petition Supreme Council to become an administrative Valley. The benefits are one AGM, one set of financial statements and auditors, one portfolio (with lower fees hopefully), one bank account with fewer hassles regarding signatories. The combined operating statement will show income of \$100 and costs of \$100. Total assets are \$2,000. The actuarial liability value for the 4 members is \$1,541. The Valley passes the Regulation 10 test. Remember that we are counting members of all three constituent bodies and not people since dues and fees are payable based on membership numbers.

Remember also that 50% of the members of the Consistory are not members of the Lodge of Perfection and cannot vote at the AGM. Is this what Supreme Council intended – to disenfranchise Consistory members? What happens if the 50% object to their money being used to subsidize the Lodge and Chapter? What voice do they have?

Do we just apply the Musketeer test? All for One and One for All!! As long as the Consistory has lots of money there is no problem, I suppose. But what happens if in the future with declining membership the Consistory's future is imperilled? Would it continue to consent to subsidize the Lodge and Chapter?

Let's take another example of a Valley that has a Lodge of Perfection with the same information as before. There is an operating deficit and it failed the Regulation 10 test. But these members realize immediately that there is a problem and petition Supreme Council to change to annual dues with initiation fees. The Valley initiates 2 members who each pay \$200 initiation fees and dues of \$50. Operating income now consists of dues of \$100 and investment return of \$45 (\$900 x 5%) and total operating costs are \$90 which results in a surplus of \$55. But the Lodge still fails the Regulation 10 test.

One solution is to fill in the AF forms for an annual dues Valley which does not have the actuarial test contained in sheet AF5. *[Tongue-in-cheek comment.]* Unfortunately, some Valleys have done this. And they seem to have lost the history of the separate life member fund liabilities and the accumulated initiation fees. Perhaps a better solution for Supreme Council is to allow the total assets of \$900 to be used rather than just \$500 for the Regulation 10 test. Would the annual dues members object to subsidizing the life members? After all, they joined based on the terms presented to them. Musketeer test perhaps? Remember that once the life members reach 55, their actuarial liability drops below \$500. If the Valley only charged \$100 or \$200 for life member dues, the Valley has much longer to wait.

Not all Valleys follow Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO). One of the requirements of ASNPO is that the investment portfolio must be stated at market values. Any change from year to year affects the income statement. Most Valleys are still on a cash basis. But remember that the portfolio value is not the

cash value. Given the problems in the financial markets since late 2014, it is likely that portfolios have a lower value today than at 2014 year end.

The commutation fund liability is valued using actuarial techniques. Regulations 10.1 through 10.6 deal with the determination of the actuarial valuation of the commutation or life member fund. The invested assets should be at least equal to this actuarial liability or the Valley has serious financial problems that it needs to address. Statutes & Regulations are silent on how the value of the assets should be determined – cost or market. If the financial markets continue to decline past 2015 year ends, it is possible that those Valleys which follow ASNPO could fail the Regulation 10 test. We will have to wait to see what happens and Supreme Council will not know until the financial reviews are completed for the 2016 Annual Sessions.

The Valleys have to present annually at their Annual General Meetings the financial statements, auditors' report (or some form of review) and the report of the Trustees in order to be in compliance with Statutes & Regulations. Since these reports should have been presented, it should be fairly simple to send the same reports to Supreme Council as part of the annual financial filing. There is no additional work required. The reluctance to file these reports suggests either that they were not presented to the members of the Valleys, or that the Valleys do not want to file the information with Supreme Council. This raises concerns for the A&F Committee. The Committee learned that in several cases, the financial statements, auditors' report and Trustees' report have not been presented at the AGM of the Valley or the constituent bodies.

In order for the Deputies to conclude in their reports that the Valleys are in good financial health, the Deputies have to have seen the financial information that was presented to the members of the Valleys and the reports of the auditors (or Valley financial reviewers).

Valleys still struggle to complete the AF Excel forms. There is no question that a basic understanding of accounting is necessary for a small part of the work. But much of the data are not accounting in nature. The Secretary of each body should know how many members it has, what its dues and fee structure are, how many delinquent members there exist, etc. Many secretaries do not know how many members their Valley actually has.

Once all of the data have been assembled, it should only take someone who can use Excel at beginner/ intermediate level approximately four (4) hours to complete the task. Some Valleys have improved and are to be congratulated.

A critical part of the Excel forms is a five-year forecast. Completing this forecast based on reasonable assumptions should help the Valley to determine what it might realistically expect to encounter. Alternative strategies could be developed if problems are seen. Preparing a five-year forecast is not an exercise to satisfy the Audit & Finance Committee. It is meant to stimulate the Valleys' strategic management of their future and to assist in identifying strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats (SWOTs).

In 1982, Supreme Council approved the first by-laws for a new Valley. These by-laws allowed for only 50% of the commuted dues payment to be recorded in the life member trust fund. The other 50% was recorded in the general fund. On day one, this Valley was in a deep hole. In the late 1990s the Valley made some changes to its by-laws which made the situation worse. A couple of years ago the Valley decided to change to annual dues (with initiation fees). The Valley has developed plans to deal with the deficit in the life member trust fund and to raise money to operate the Valley. After its year end accounting is complete, the Valley plans to prepare a five year and possibly ten year financial forecast to determine if its strategies will generate the funds necessary for the future activities.

The Audit & Finance Committee during our reviews learned that several Valleys plan to transfer life member funds to their general funds. In one case, a few million dollars are involved. Remember, this does not involve the portfolio investments which are likely already co-mingled. What is contemplated is to reduce the life member liability and to increase the general fund liability. Regulation 10.6 provides guidance. Only 5% per year of the excess life member capital (liability) may be transferred from the life member fund (liability) to the general or other funds (liability).

Overall Conclusion Concerning Financial Reviews of Valleys

As Chair of the Committee, based on the evidence submitted, and on the missing evidence, I must conclude again that the Scottish Rite in Canada has financial challenges. Membership decline is only one part of the puzzle.

A crude oil super tanker requires many miles to make a course correction. Masonic bodies require many years to effect changes. I encourage every Valley to prepare a realistic long range forecast of five (5) years or longer to deal with declining membership and finances. If you think your Valley should raise dues, or switch from commuted dues to annual dues with initiation fees structure, the time to act is now.

For smaller Valleys which may be facing these realities now, perhaps a suitable course of action to consider is to surrender the Letters Patent of Constitution, to pay for members to affiliate with another Valley, and to form a Scottish Rite Club. This could be a positive step forward to sustaining the comradery that currently exists in the Valley.

Of course, it is up to the members of Valleys to determine their own path after suitable reflection.

Volunteers Requested

You have heard Chairs of other committees ask for volunteers to serve on their respective committees. The Audit & Finance Committee needs a few new reviewers for next year to replace our members who have retired from the committee.

Conclusion

In conclusion, as Chairman, I want to express my gratitude to the Grand Treasurer-General, Ill. Bro. Thomas E. Lewis, 33°, the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, our recently departed brother Ill. Bro. Ken

Rutherford, 33^o, and the staff at the Supreme Council office, Leslie Drake and Lucy Berthoud, for their assistance to the Audit & Finance Committee.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Committee for their time. Just as in prior years, this year was an interesting challenge.

Respectfully submitted:

Duncan Skinner, 33^o Chairman
Joseph Chamberlain, 33^o
Harris Jones, 33^o
Peter Polkinghorne, 33^o
Evan Woodhead, 33^o

And two brethren who due to health issues were unable to assist this year.

William Lister, 33^o
Robert Wands, 33^o

SGC: Thank you so much, Ill. Bro. Skinner. I must admit that I can't pretend to understand all the intricacies of the things you brought up, but I do realize the importance that we make sure our Valleys are financially sound and it is no easy task to do that. Your Committee and your Examiners are to be commended for the work they take on and the number of hours they have to put in, and then sift through the information that some of the Valleys get to you in a timely way. I don't think there is any easy solution around some of these things, but certainly the problems exist and I did hear you say that if nothing else, if we could just go back to our Valleys and just simply say, you know, 'has anybody sort of taken a long, hard look at how sound we are and whether we're going to see some difficulties in the next few years'.

I think if we start thinking that way, rather than just hoping that things will be fine, that it will be very good for the longevity of our Valleys in the future. So I don't know if anybody else would like to make a comment or has a question in terms of clarification of what is being suggested here.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Duncan S. Skinner, 33^o and John Trousdale, 33^o the report be accepted. CARRIED

SGC: Ill. Bro. McLean, you're back from the Candidates' Seminar. Is there anything you would like to report or announce?

Ill. Bro. McLean: We have 44 candidates ready and raring to go.

SGC: Great. That's good. According to my script, we require a motion to confirm that we will be holding our next Annual Session in St. John's, Newfoundland September 15 to 17.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. James Finch, 33^o and Terry McLean, 33^o the next Annual Session is going to be in St. John's, Newfoundland, Thursday the 15th to Saturday the 17th of September, 2016. CARRIED

SGC: Now, to the best of my knowledge the only order of business I see here that we haven't specifically mentioned, and it is one that normally I would ask the Grand Secretary-General to comment on and I don't know where Brian is at this point, but he's obviously not back yet, is a Report of Unfinished Business. He has assured me that, in consultation with Ill. Bro. Bennett, that there does not appear to be any unfinished business from previous ones.

The Sovereign Grand Commander called upon Ill. Bro. Dave Bennet, 33° to give the report on the Unfinished Business.

Report of the Special Committee On
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Upon a review of the Report of the 140th Annual Session in Halifax, Nova Scotia, there are no items of unfinished business that require discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Bennett 33°, Chairman

SGC: Thank you. Brethren, you heard the Report with respect to unfinished business. Any questions of the Committee?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Dave Bennett, 33° and Marvin Munro, 33° the report be accepted. CARRIED

SGC: Now, Brethren, I know that there are a couple of reports left to be done which we normally do on Saturday morning, and one is, again, receiving Part two of the Jurisprudence Committee's responsibility, and that's with respect to the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander, which doesn't take place, of course until Friday.

Then it has been our tradition to examine the budget and make sure that it's what we want it to be as a result of our meetings, and Ill. Bro. Lewis will do that on Saturday morning.

We normally hear a Report on the Foundation to be shared with all the Brethren. To the best of my knowledge, and I'm truly asking you here, I think that's it. Unless anybody thinks we're missing anything else, because I would like to deal with it now if there is.

So that's what I'm assuming, then, that those three items of business will take place on Saturday morning and that should assure us, then, of being able to, in a very timely fashion, have the installation of our officers for the next Triennium. We're working towards trying to make sure that Saturday morning is complete as close to eleven o'clock as we can, as we are very cognizant that the hotel has an eleven o'clock checkout time and they have informed us that they are expecting to be full on Saturday night, so they are wanting to get in to clean the rooms. So I'm just sort of giving you a

heads up on that. I realize some of you are staying over Saturday night, that's fine. But those who are checking out, if you could think about cooperating with the hotel on Saturday that would be helpful.

This afternoon we've got the Vesper Service, followed by the Degree, and I'm wondering if our Grand Prior wanted to make a comment about the Vesper Service. Is there anything you think we need to share or remind us about?

III. Bro. Farr: I just have responsibility for the service, not getting there and getting back.

SGC: Okay. Have you written the sermon yet?

III. Bro. Farr: Is that today? (Laughter is heard throughout)

SGC: III. Bro. Brethour, perhaps just to remind us, those of us who forget all the time, what we need to wear and where we need to be and where the church is.

III. Bro. Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, as was announced at our dinner last night, the church is very close. Hopefully everyone in the room is aware of where it is. If you go downstairs, out the Valley entrance of this tower, you turn right and it's just a block-and-a-half. The church is unmistakable on the right side. Those that are taking part in the processional, I would ask that you go down the far side of the church. There's glass doors and there's an assembly hall. The remainder of the HIGs and their ladies would enter through the front doors of the church and there will be ushers there to direct you. I understand that there will also be volunteers in the lobby area to offer any assistance that may be required.

SGC: That's starting sharp at one.

III. Bro. Brethour: Yes. So I would ask anyone in the processional to please be in the hall at 12:30. It takes some time to line up 80 or 90 people and certainly, Brethren, we do intend to start the service right at one o'clock, so please be in place.

SGC: The idea being, then, that we will be finished shortly after two and then we can start the Degree back here opposite this room, right at three o'clock, I believe it's scheduled for, if I remember correctly. Now, in terms of dress, this afternoon I believe it is morning dress for HIGs, is that right?

III. Bro. Brethour: For Actives and Past-Actives.

SGC: Sorry. Morning dress for the Active members and then its suits for everybody else? Tuxedos? Okay. Tuxedos for others, including the candidates. Then we come right back for the Degree. Those of you who will have regalia on for the Degree, which is, I think, pretty well most of the Supreme Council, if you wish you can bring the regalia down to the Lodge Room just before twelve-thirty or so, before you go across to assemble at the church, and the room will be secure. We are suggesting that – well, you can put it in your pocket, if you want, or you can leave it here and it will be ready for you when you get back. It may be very problematic if, you know, 40 men try to go up the elevators all at once to grab their regalia to get back, so we're asking you to think about that and not assume that you will have time between the two events.

III. Bro. Loopstra, did you want to make – we've just got a minute or two here anyway – a comment in terms of the banquet this evening? Just some general information? Or is that necessary?

III. Bro. Loopstra: Not really, Sovereign Grand Commander. I look forward to seeing everybody at the banquet tonight and I assure you that it will be shorter than last year's.

SGC: III. Bro. Allard and I have a friendly bet. I told him I was going to note the time that the banquet this evening is completed and I was going to meet or beat that on Friday. So we certainly did hear loud and clear from those who were polled by email, who attended last year, that you would like to see shorter formal banquets and you will see some changes in both the programs as a result of that.

And again, we will be seeking your feedback to see if you agree with the changes we've made or have some other suggestions for us in the future. It's just ten-thirty so some of us have a lunch set for eleven o'clock so that we can get ready. III. Bro. McLean, any comment or reminder of any kind?

III. Bro. McLean: Just that the luncheon is in the Augusta III.

SGC: Okay. Which again, is across the hall and down. I was wishing III. Bro. Gilkinson had been able to get back so that if there was anything else I needed to remind you of, but I don't – to the best of my knowledge that's not the case. So I'm not going to – yes, III. Bro. Trousdale?

III. Bro. Trousdale: Is there an Executive Session tomorrow morning?

SGC: No, we won't need one, so that's a good reminder. To the Actives and Past-Actives, we won't require an Executive Session tomorrow morning, so we will convene at – tomorrow is Friday already, isn't it. Yes. We will convene right at nine o'clock. We have a number of introductions to do tomorrow morning and we are going to look at the video tomorrow, as well. We realize it's a bit longer than we expected the finished product to be, but I really think it's important that you get a feel for it and a flavour for it. I think it's going to be very helpful in terms of explaining Scottish Rite Freemasonry to Master Masons and I'm hoping that the Valleys will take advantage of that when it's in a form that can be sent out to them. So with that, then, I will just adjourn and we will see you at the Vesper Service. Thank you.

Thursday, September 17, 2015 ~ 1:00pm
Vesper Service ~ Sermon

The Reverend Canon Michael D.H. Farr, B.A., LTh.
Grand Prior

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH
WINDSOR, ONTARIO**

"Dealing with Lions"

Daniel 6:10-28

Psalm 7:9-17

Matthew 6:25-34

We have just heard read the story of Daniel in the lion's den; one of the better known stories in the Old Testament. The obvious question is, "How did Daniel get to this point of being on the wrong side of the dumb law?" (This being an election year, I will leave the question of politicians and dumb laws for another day.) Daniel was a prince in Judah when the Babylonian Empire over ran Jerusalem and deported all the bright, up and coming leaders to Babylon. Daniel vowed never to neglect his faith in God, nor to neglect the worship of God. Because of this vow Daniel has become a "Hero of the Faith" for both youth, we heard in Sunday school, and seniors as he is now in his eighties. Daniel's faith is an example to all. Daniel's house had a window that faced toward Jerusalem and three times a day he would kneel on his knees, facing Jerusalem, and pray to God. Daniel was an administrator in the Babylonian Empire and because he was honest, intelligent, fair dealing with all, he received many promotions over the years until now he was about to be appointed Prime Minister over all the Babylonian Empire. He was the best administrator and favourite of King Darius. Naturally, the other administrators were jealous of Daniel, but because of his honesty and integrity they could find no fault in him. This leads us to the place in the story where Daniel is thrown in the lion's den.

The conspirators had conned King Darius, playing the vanity card on him, to make a law that said for the next thirty days if anyone worshipped anything, a person, an animal, or even another god, other than King Darius, they would be thrown into the lion's den. The conspirators went immediately to Daniel's house because they knew he would be worshipping the One True God. And not unsurprisingly, they found Daniel on his knees, facing Jerusalem, praying to God, the Almighty, and Creator of the Heavens and Earth, Creator of All. Now King Darius is between a rock and an even harder place, for everyone knows that according to the laws of the Medes and Persians, a law made by the King, CANNOT be revoked! King Darius' favourite and best administrator is charged with not worshipping the King. We are told that King Darius was very distressed and until the sun went down, tried everything he could, not to have to throw Daniel into the lion's den. But the laws of the Medes and Persians had to be followed and so Daniel was thrown into the lion's den and a great stone was set over the mouth of the lion's den and it was sealed with the King's signet and the signets of the lords. Because Daniel was his favourite, and best administrator, King Darius was so distressed that, that night he did not eat, have any entertainment, nor did he sleep. At

dawn the King ran to the den and called anxiously to Daniel, "Are you okay, Daniel?", and Daniel replied that he was alive and well for God had sent an angel to close the mouths of the lions. The King ordered Daniel to be taken from the lion's den and Daniel's accusers, along with their children and wives, be thrown into the lion's den – we are told they were immediately eaten by the lions. (Aside-when you tell children the accuser's punishment, they cheer, and the adults take a deep breath. I think the children understand the fairness of punishment.) King Darius then decreed that the name of the living God be exalted throughout the Babylonian Empire.

Daniel was not kept out of the lion's den!

I have a hunch that we all have lions. Of what might we be afraid? Maybe we are afraid of not meeting our employer's standards, or the standards of our co-workers, or the standards of our family. A big fear could be not meeting the standards of our Religious Community or our Fraternal Community. Perhaps we fear illness, a family situation, an addiction. One of mine is living too long (having just buried my Mother at 103) and not being any use to anyone but becoming a burden. What are your lions?

Daniel was not kept out of the lion's den!

Daniel was a man of faith, in God, of excellent spirit, honest, without fault in business dealings, faithful to his superiors, committed to a lifelong life of prayer and willing to obey God rather than humans. Daniel was delivered from the lion's den. He was not too important, too busy/involved, or too insecure to pray to God.

Daniel was delivered from the lion's den!

Today Daniel is a role model for politicians, all administrators and bureaucrats, leaders of any organization, and all people of faith in God. As the reading from the New Testament, today, reminds us to "strive first for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"- i.e. everything we need. (Matthew 6:33 N.R.S.V.) God always delivers his people of faith, sometimes now, sometimes later, but we will be delivered, even if we must spend time in the lion's den.

Daniel was, and we people of faith, will be delivered from our lions.

Amen

Formal Opening ~ Conferral of the 33°

The Formal Opening and the Conferral of the Degree of Honorary Inspectors-General was held at the Augustus I Room on Thursday, September 17 at 3:00pm in accordance with Art. 17(b) of the Statutes of Supreme Council.

The Candidates and Guests had been admitted before the Opening. Candidates were seated in the Southeast while their presenters were seated in the Northeast. Guests with their 33° who were admitted prior to the Opening were seated in the East.

The 33° was conferred upon 44 candidates

Victor Joel Abraham	Giles Orville Loshaw
Ernest John Burns Anderson	Neil Alfred Lundberg
Allan Harold Bishop	Stephen MacKenzie
John Ross Albert Black	Elroy John MacKinnon
Lyman Clair Bracken	Gary William Magwood
Morton Irving Brodsky	Thomas Richard Marshall
Gerald William Budden	David Robert McAlpine
Beverley Carlyle Burrill	John William McKillip
Matthew Ridgley Clark	Raymond Russel Meadows
Duane David Creasor	Harold Edward Newton
David Allen Dasti	Wayne Douglas O'Sullivan
James Gordon Davey	Don Herbert Rousell
Timothy Alan Edwards	Graham Alexander Scott
Nelson Joseph Gagnon	Thomas Andrew Siemiernik
Harvey Edwin German	Allan Lavern Smith
Gordon Francis Granchelli	Alexander Charles Solomon
John Cameron Green	Clive David Stephenson
Gordon Thomas Grieve	Alan John Stoddart
Franklin William Groves	Alexander Bruce Taylor
Joseph Claude Richard Guay	Barry Byrne Tooley
Robert Adam Kennaway	Robert William Truscott
Darrell William Lintaman	Irwin Charles Vines

The representative candidate was Ill. Bro. Robert William Truscott., Valley of Windsor.

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Banquet

Thursday Evening, September 17, 2015

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's Banquet was held at the Caesars Windsor, in the Augustus II, III & IV Rooms at 7:00pm with Ill. Bro. Allard B. Loopstra, 33°, President – Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation presiding.

Ill. Bro. Bruce Tait, 32° piped the Special Tables, Guests and Directors into the Ballroom.

Following the toast to the piper by Grand Prior, Michael D.H. Farr, 33° the blessing was offered.

The President then toasted the Queen and the Craft after the singing of the Royal Anthem and then proposed a toast to the Office of Head of State of Jurisdictions Represented.

The President then welcomed everyone to the SRCF Banquet.

Following the dinner, the evening unfolded with the following:

50th Anniversary Capital Campaign Results

Ill. Bro. Sydney R. Whiteley, 33°

Special Awards

Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Ill. Bro. Ronald L. M. Findlater, 33°

Guest Speaker

The Reverend Dr. David P. Hardie, 32°

Thank You to Guest Speaker

Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°

Final Remarks

Ill. Bro. Allard B. Loopstra, 33°

Closing Prayer

Ill. Bro. Michael D. H. Farr, 33°

O Canada

Piper: Ill. Bro. Bruce Tait, 32°

Pianist: Ill. Bro. Matthew Tingle, 32°

► **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** ◀

General Session
Friday, September 18, 2015 ~ 9:00am
Augustus I Room, Caesars Windsor

SGC: Good morning, Brethren. Good morning, Brethren. I hope you all had a pleasant evening last night. It was so wonderful to hear how well we did with the Charitable Foundation.

I just want to make a comment about that. At 1.6 million dollars when you think about the size of our organization, and I've heard totals in other bodies in terms of their charities, and when I look at the size of their membership and compare it to ours, you should be extremely proud of what you did in one year's time. It's a significant contribution and I think it bodes well not only for the Foundation, but Scottish Rite in Canada. So thank you for all you've done in that regard.

And of course there's always a letdown after a campaign that way, and so we must continue to advise members of Scottish Rite and remind them that they should think of our charity in their charitable giving.

This morning we are going to do a couple of things that are different than we've done before, but we certainly are going to introduce our distinguished guests. I'm going to have a chance to chat with you a little bit.

One of the things we are going to do this year is we are going to do the John Ross Matheson Award here, rather than at the banquet, and we've got a big screen on the wall and if technology becomes our friend – I think we're still trying to make sure we can get a feed – we've been working on a new membership video.

It's not in its absolute final form, but I got a chance to see it just two nights ago and I said, 'We've got to show that to everybody that's here. We can't wait for the next time we get together'. So we will be going to try to do that this morning, as well. Then we will all be done by noon.

Again, the reminder to the candidates that we have a workshop for them for about – we'll give them some lunch and meet with them for no more than an hour, a little over an hour, and then the rest of the afternoon is off, banquet tonight; tomorrow, installation of the new officers for the new triennium.

So with that I would ask you all to rise and I'm going to ask the Grand Prior to attend the altar.

I think we're ready to begin, Brethren, and one of our traditions whenever it is possible, and it usually works out well for us, we always invite the Grand Master of the host jurisdiction that we're at and make them an integral part of our ceremony, and so I would ask that we proceed to formally introduce the Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my privilege to present to you and the Brethren present the Most Worshipful the Grand Master John C. Green, 33°, Grand Lodge of Canada, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of Ontario and member of this Supreme Council.

SGC: Most Worshipful Brother Green, it is indeed a pleasure to officially welcome you to our Supreme Council. You are the Grand Master of the largest jurisdiction within our country and I know you know this, because I've mentioned it to you before, over 25% of the members of your jurisdiction have chosen to become Scottish Rite Freemasons and we are very proud of that and that association with Masonry.

Not only is it, I know, an occasion to be here in your official capacity, but we are also so pleased that you were able to receive your thirty-third degree yesterday and I know that you will always remember that occasion.

I want to make sure that you're dressed correctly for attending a Scottish Rite function in the Province of Ontario and so it is with a great deal of pleasure that I provide you with the first membership jewel as a Scottish Rite Freemason. I wanted to have this opportunity to present this to you and if I can see what I'm doing, placing this on your jacket pocket.

I hope you will find occasion during your term of office as Grand Master to wear this and I appreciate that. I know that you are a proud Scottish Rite Freemason and this will attest to it and indeed, this is the first one that is being presented to any Scottish Rite Mason in the country.

GM Green: I'm going to be wearing it a lot, then.

SGC: It's going to be permanently affixed here, I think. I don't want to prick you with it, so I'll just leave it like that for now.

But John, I really, really appreciate you being here and if you would care to say a few remarks to the Brethren, I know we'd most appreciate that and we will take you to the podium.

GM Green: Sovereign Grand Commander, Officers and Members of Supreme Council, my Brethren, I want to tell you how happy I am to be here.

I have had two most remarkable months, one was being installed in July, and one was to go to the opening of the Shrine Hospital in Montreal, and this weekend to join your illustrious group with my thirty-third degree. I'm happy and I'm proud and I'm glad that I'm a Mason.

Now, as opposed to others who have to put on their glasses to read, I take mine off.

I want to thank you, in the name of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, I thank you for that warm welcome, that kind introduction and my guidance to the East.

I am quite pleased to tell you that, as the Sovereign Grand Commander said, Scottish Rite is alive and well in Ontario and we're very pleased about that and the connection that we have.

I want to thank you also for the well-presented ritual and the pageantry of what we witnessed during receiving our degree. I'm also so very proud to have been one of the

first, and in the class of the first, to see some of the new signs that were presented by the Secretary General yesterday, and that will long go in my heart and linger.

Brian, I'm sorry, but I had to say something.

I also wanted to tell you that I was so pleased and proud to be a member of Scottish Rite when they announced the fund raising goal, the fund raising target that was reached last night of almost 1.6 million dollars. You are to be congratulated and I am so pleased that your generosity is going to make life better for those that may be less fortunate than ourselves.

I am pleased to join with the Sovereign Grand Commander. We have met on a couple of occasions – Vancouver, Baltimore, Winnipeg and other places we may not mention – along with the Secretary General, and that's why I felt it so easy to say what I did about you, Brian.

But I can tell you that they have become good friends. They are kind and gentle people, as you know, and they are true leaders for this Sovereign Council.

I want to tell you a few things about what I think is important about Masonry, and I've been saying this a little bit and when you've been in Masonry so long you sometimes drop some things because you think they're getting old and tired, and then you decide when you get to a high and exalted position where you don't know what to say anymore, you bring some of the old words back.

One of the things that I want you to do – and I know you are – is be proud to be a Mason. And I want you, when you go down the street tomorrow to the coffee shop and you meet your friends, your neighbours and your relatives, and they say, 'What have you been doing lately', and say, 'Well, the last two nights I was at a Masonic meeting or a Scottish Rite Meeting, or a Royal Arch meeting', and demonstrate that pride to those people outside the Crafts that are not members, that you are proud to be a Mason.

Because we have a tendency when we go to that coffee shop, 'what did you do last night?' 'Oh, I went to a meeting'. And you know it was a secret, you know, so we don't tell them what kind of meeting it was.

Tell them you were at a Masonic meeting, tell them you were at a Scottish Rite meeting and demonstrate that pride to the public that we're so proud of in what we are and what we do.

And I just leave you with a couple of notes: Be proud of what you are, be proud of what you do, be proud to be a Mason.

And another thing that I brought back and it can be demonstrated in this room probably 500 times, and I will pluralize it for you: Most Worshipful Brother Mumby, he's heard this many times, but I want to leave you with these words: We shall pass this way but once. Any good, therefore, that we can do or kindness we can show to any other person in the world let us do it now. Let us not neglect it nor defer it, for we shall not pass this way again.

SGC: Thank you so much. Brethren, as many as you know – and I mentioned it just briefly when I was introducing the Grand Master – there are a number Past Grand Masters in the other jurisdictions throughout the country, including Grand Lodge of Canada, Province of Ontario, that are very, very active within our organization and I'm going to just ask those Past Grand Masters that are here – I'm not going to introduce you, but I would like you to stand and I'm sure there's well over a dozen and we might even hit twenty – so would all the Past Grand Masters of Grand Lodge jurisdictions, including our guests, please rise so that we can just acknowledge your work in Freemasonry.

It's unfortunate that the Grand Master of the Province of Quebec, our Active Member Ill. Bro. Jim Ross is unable to be with us this year due to pneumonia, as we've been told earlier on, and it was my pleasure to witness his installation at the end of May in Montreal as the Grand Master.

So he is serving in that capacity now for the next two years in Quebec.

GMC McComb: Ill. Bro. Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander Southern Jurisdiction, would you and your entourage please join me at the level and to the altar?

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present, the Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America and honorary member of our Supreme Council; Illustrious James D. Cole, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America; Illustrious Charles V. Sederstrom Jr., 33°, Grand Treasurer, Deputy for Nebraska, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America.

SGC: Welcome, Brethren.

Now, Ronnie, I'm thinking earlier this morning how smart you are. You've got with you the former Grand Treasurer and the new Grand Treasurer. You know who to travel with.

I want to welcome all of you to our session again. It's so nice to have you here with us. Nice to meet you, Chuck, as well, for the first time on this visit.

Our Grand Treasurer should take note. I made the comment on your report a couple of years ago, Ill. Bro. Cole, but Chuck, I think you took the cake this year in Washington when you got up in front of probably 2,500, 2,000 individuals and said, 'I want you to know I looked at the books, everything looks good. Seems to be money, things are doing well'. And he sat down.

And you, of course, said, 'Thank you for that report'.

I had the opportunity with our Lieutenant Grand Commander and our Past Sovereign Grand Commander to be in Washington at the end of August for your session, but the day before you had that wonderful celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the House of the Temple. And I know the amount of work and effort that your Supreme Council did to get that day ready with the fund raising banquet and representatives, I think, from forty different Supreme Councils who were in attendance.

It was a wonderful occasion and when I was standing there watching it, I thought, you know, I wonder if Canada was at the dedication ceremony. So when I got home - this is from the 1915 Proceedings of our Supreme Council. I have to take my glasses off, too, to read:

It was my privilege to visit Washington, accompanied by Dr. Alfred Webster, 33°, and witness the dedicatory ceremony in connection with a new House of the Temple. These ceremonies were conducted by Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander George Moore and his officers in a faultless manner. The dedication took place on the steps in front of the Temple and was witnessed by, I think, fully 5,000 people.

The magnificence of the building, which cost over two million dollars, is almost indescribable. Every detail has been carried out to perfection.

Nothing could exceed the kindness shown to Dr. Webster and myself during our stay of four days. Canada was given the place of honour.

Sovereign Grand Commander Moore hopes to be with us at this meeting, but if not, next year in Montreal.”

So not much has changed in a hundred years, but it was a wonderful connection that we’ve had between our two Supreme Councils. I know that you, on the restoration, are spending far more than two million dollars from the original building, but we thank you for joining us.

And I understand the country boy from Virginia is going to say a few words.

LGC James D. Cole: Thank you.

SGC: Right. That would be great. I’ll come back with you.

LGC James D. Cole: Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master, distinguished guests, my Brethren all, good morning.

Well, he took my line away about being just a little country boy from Virginia, but it is a pleasure to speak on behalf of my Grand Commander and my travelling companion, you heard already, the Grand Treasurer. We want to thank you for the hospitality and I will give you the greatest compliment that anyone from the Southern Jurisdiction could tell you about, and that is that is true southern hospitality and we very much appreciate it.

Now, as you’ve learned last year, I’m not the smooth-talking lawyer from Louisiana that our Grand Commander is, nor do I have the ritual proficiency that we witnessed yesterday from your Grand Chancellor. But I do want to just share a thought with you.

As I was passing last evening with a couple of you Brethren and my wife – and by the way, whoever ratted me out I haven’t found out yet, but I will find out – about my anniversary being yesterday. I mean, what’s the harm? I told her, I said, ‘Look, I took you to Canada for your anniversary. Not only that, I took you to Vancouver for Valentine’s Day as a Past Grand Master at the Grand Masters’ Conference’.

So I try to do that each year, to go to – you know, take her somewhere exciting on Valentine's Day. We're going to Madison, Wisconsin coming up and visiting our friends once again in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

And by the way, we love coming here. This is one of my two favourite trips. The other one, of course, to our friends in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It is always – usually in more ways than one – an uplifting experience to be with you and to witness their entertaining, but excellent, approach to getting their business done.

And it's always great to be here. But as I was walking through the Casino last evening I won't tell you what one of my good friends asked me about how the machines work, I won't get into that because I promised him I wouldn't rat him out today, but you know, as I walked through there I looked up and I looked around and for the little country boy from Virginia, they spend a lot of money around this place to decorate it.

I mean, you know, they got fountains inside and outside, and they've got all of these big spaces, and then the accountant in me started saying, 'Well, boy, they must be making a lot of money off of something'.

And as you walk through the casino, you see what it is. You know, it's all those games of chance. I mean, we could all go down there and we could all put money in, and if any of us were smart enough the first time we won, to leave, we might collectively walk out with about half of what we all collectively walked in with, because it's a game of chance which is parenthetically the house wins. You're not going to win in that.

But my message to you today is that Freemasonry is not a game of chance. Go back, if you would, to the first time after being raised as a Master Mason that you witnessed a Master Mason's obligations, because it is probably then the first time you actually paid attention to them. But because of that we are not a game of chance. We came here because we have a common belief in a creator and we knelt and we removed all chance at that point. We are those who are bound together by sacred obligations in His presence, but our obligations are to one another. And because of that Freemasonry is not a game of chance.

As you all passed the casinos, as you all passed those games that take from you and really give nothing, remember here we all win because we are all in this together. So I would quote the hymn to you: "Dare to be brave, dare to be true. Strive for the right for the Lord is with you".

Thank you.

GMC McComb: Ill. Bro. McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, would you and your entourage join me on the level and at the altar.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Illustrious John William McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America and honorary member of our Supreme Council; Illustrious Gail N. Kemp, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander, Deputy for Indiana, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction United States of

America; Illustrious David R. Bedwell Sr., 33°, Deputy for Michigan, Northern Jurisdiction United States of America.

SGC: Thank you.

Welcome, Brethren. I wanted to welcome you to our session. It's always nice to have representatives from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and I had the opportunity just ten days ago to attend your sessions in Indianapolis, and that was a wonderful time and you were gracious hosts to our delegates.

You need to know, sir, that every once in a while – quite consistently in different locations – somebody taps me on the shoulder and says, 'Is it John? Is it William? Is it Bill?' Well, to me, you're Bill and so, Bill, I want to thank you for all the support that you've shown me and our Supreme Council, particularly through this last triennium where I have been Sovereign Grand Commander. You do what you say and you're more than willing to support us and you are a tremendous spokesperson on Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

Gail, it's nice to have you here and I know you're just newly installed as the – I have to say it the right way for you – Grand Lieutenant Commander. I know that you have a very distinguished background in Masonry, particularly in the State of Indiana, and I think you've got one up on Jim Cole, as I understand it, that this is not sort of a wedding anniversary, but you've brought your wife for your honeymoon to Windsor, and you may want to confirm that. I'm just not too sure about that, but we congratulate you on that.

And David, as the Deputy for Michigan I know that you have had opportunities to share Masonry with particularly the members from Ontario before and I know not only Scottish Rite Freemasons, but Craft Lodge Masons have a wonderful association with the State of Michigan and there's a lot of fraternal visiting going on. And we thank you so much for visiting our Supreme Council on this occasion.

Deputy David R. Bedwell Sr.: Right.

SGC: And I understand, Bill, that you will be willing to make a few remarks – maybe rebuttal, whatever – on your behalf. We would be pleased to hear from you.

Grand Marshall, if you would accompany the rest of the delegates to their seats and I'll take Bill over to the podium.

SGC John William McNaughton: Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master, Illustrious Brethren all, certainly good to be with you today. Due to some circumstances almost beyond my control, this is probably the last time that I'm going to be at the Supreme Council Session in Canada and I'd just like to take a moment and talk about two points, some of it having to do with the hospitality that I have enjoyed over the last ten years and some of you good folks that I have come to know.

Your hospitality has been beyond anything that I ever expected. You have accepted our delegation into your jurisdiction with great honour and certainly we appreciate all that you do for us and we certainly try to turn the tables on your delegation when you come to the United States Northern Jurisdiction, and do the best we can to make you feel at home there.

The second point is not quite as nice as the first, but since this may well be the last time that I'm here, there is an old saying about confession being good for the soul and I can't leave your great country without telling you the sin that I committed in the past and share that with you.

Some time back, I don't know what happened, but in the States we have a tendency throughout the jurisdiction to wear hats of our rank and title, and I have one that has the Salem Cross on it and is significant because it represents the office of Sovereign Grand Commander, and I lost that hat. There's only one other hat like that in the whole world and it belongs to Commander Seale.

I tore the office upside down, and the home and I just could not find that hat and I finally hatched a plan – and this is the sad part that is tough to tell – I hatched a plan to steal Commander Seale's hat. But I know that he guards his hat as closely as what I thought that I did, so he takes it with him everywhere he goes. So finally the best I could come up with, I thought, he's always in church on Sunday and he takes his hat with him to church. So I thought, well, when he goes up to take communion, like a thief in the night I'll steal his hat and sneak out of the church.

So on the appointed day, I did, and at the end of the service the minister was nice enough to come up and greet me and say, 'You're new here'. And I said, 'Yeah'. And he said, 'I hope you enjoyed the service today and your time worshiping with us'. And I said to him, I said, 'I don't know how to tell you this, but,' I said, 'I really didn't come to worship, I came to steal Commander Seale's hat'. And he said, 'But you listened to my sermon on the Ten Commandments and decided you didn't want to burn in hell like a common thief. Isn't that about the size of it?'

And I said, 'Well, not really'. I said, 'When you got down to that part about thou shall not commit adultery, then I remembered where I lost my hat'.

Lord, I should apologize for that, but somehow that might ring a little hollow.

Brethren, again, it's good to be with you. I wish all the best blessings upon each and every one of you and your families this day, upon Freemasonry throughout Canada and this Supreme Council and your great country. Thank you.

GMC McComb: Grand Secretary General, Supreme Council of Scotland, would you please join me on the level and to the altar.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Ill. Bro. Alexander Galbraith, 33°, Grand Secretary General, Supreme Council of Scotland.

SGC: Ill. Bro. Galbraith, it is indeed a pleasure for me to officially welcome you to our Supreme Council. Hold onto your cap. Don't let him near it.

Alex, the first time I think we met was in Toronto about five years ago when you came over as part of your delegation from the Supreme Council of Scotland to the World Congress. I know there have been several occasions since where our paths have crossed and I know that you are quite a frequent visitor to Canada and used it as a holiday destination several times in your life, so we really appreciate that you could find

time in your schedule to visit with us at our Supreme Council and I'm very, very pleased to see a representative from Scotland amongst us.

We tried to find a couple of people that spoke the same language as you, and I understand that even in the airport one of our candidates thought he heard a familiar voice and so we're very, very pleased that you could be with us. So thank you much for coming and if you'd like to say a few words we'd very much appreciate it.

GSG Alexander Galbraith: Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests, Illustrious Brethren, it's a great personal delight to be present here at the Supreme Council for Canada.

When I arrived on Wednesday evening after travelling for eighteen hours from Scotland, I was met at the airport by two Scotsmen, both candidates at your 33rd yesterday, Ill. Bro. David McAlpine and Ill. Bro. Bob Kennaway. So it was a great welcome into your country.

Then yesterday at the session the pianist played Scotland the Brave, so I felt very much at home. And then last evening at the banquet we were led in by the piper. So thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander, for making me feel so much at home.

I would at this time tender the apologies of my Most Powerful Sovereign Grand Commander Jim Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet, who unfortunately is in Riga this weekend attending to a family function and could not be present.

I have attended many meetings in recent years and shared many precious moments with senior members of the Supreme Council for Canada and it has been absolutely wonderful, Brethren, to spread the word of the brotherly love and the friendship throughout the world.

I witnessed the wonderful session yesterday afternoon at the conferral of the 33rd Degree, which is considerably different from that which we practice in Scotland, but the same profound messages are extended to the candidates. It was wonderful to watch and I would personally congratulate all the officers involved for carrying out such a wonderful session yesterday afternoon.

Most wonderful and Sovereign Grand Commander, I thank you most sincerely for the hospitality over the last few days. It has been simply wonderful. I met many of my old friends and made many new friends.

And Brethren, if you are at any time in Edinburgh, you are more than welcome to visit my Grand Lodge and my Supreme Council. You will be made most welcome. Thank you.

GMC McComb: Ill. Bro. Desch, Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council of Germany, would you please join me on the level and to the altar.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Illustrious Most Puissant Brother Eberhard Desch, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council of Germany.

SGC: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to our Supreme Council.

I was looking back and discovered in my notes that I think the first time you and I met was, again, in Toronto at the World Congress. I have had an opportunity in several meetings to meet with you. The latest one really – and I know you were in Washington and in Indianapolis – but I remember specifically having breakfast with you on several days in Lisbon when we were at the World Congress this past year, as well, and learning a little bit more about your background and your involvement.

I know that in European circles you are a force to be reckoned with in Masonic terms and I know that it's very dear to your heart. I'm very pleased that you were able to visit us. I think it's the first time we've had a Sovereign Grand Commander from and it's indeed a pleasure to welcome you and ask if you might share a few words with the Brethren, as well, this morning.

SGC Eberhard Desch: Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Illustrious Brethren of the Supreme Council, my dear Brethren all, first I would like to thank the pianist who played the notes of our national anthem, which goes back to an old poem and which we are singing the third verse which starts, 'Unity, law and freedom', values which are holy to Freemasonry.

First I bring you the greetings of my Supreme Council in Germany. It's a special pleasure to be here with you and I am very grateful about the generous hospitality. As Alex Galbraith already said, it was wonderful to be welcomed at the airport, to be led through the reception here in the hotel and to be so warmly welcomed in these halls.

We symbolize the international chain of brotherhood which is extremely extended in the Scottish Rite and I think it's a great experience to have this and to be together in fraternity and brotherly love.

And I wanted to share with you a thought that I had this morning. Some things are before our eyes, but as evident as they may seem to us they have deep secrets, messages for us and if you know some words about our eagle, the double-headed eagle.

You can distinguish four levels in this eagle. The first is the crown. The crown is the symbol of the holy empire on one hand, but also, according to the old tradition, the divine will which should be executed by human beings. We are entrusted to realize, to make reality the divine will.

The second is the eagle flying up to the sun, raising an important notion of Freemasonry already mentioned by one of the distinguished guests, and in a way you may say that we are working in our Masonic actions to make perfect this eagle, that we really are working on building up the Holy Empire, which should be an empire of peace.

The sword, on the third level, is an old symbol of discrimination between lies and truth, between good and evil, between reality and illusion, and it's an old symbol for justice that we handle, that we fight to protect the weak and to fight against evil deeds.

At the last we have a sort of banderole, the two mottos. One, *Ordo Ab Chao*, that's the task we are entrusted with to create order of all the chaos that, is surrounding us and we don't believe on the physical theories about entropy, but we create order in the world.

And the second particularly mentioned in the ritual, *Deus Meumque Jus*, God and my right. Again, the Crown above here, God and my right, He and the world, it was the war cry used by Richard the Lionheart and is used still by the English Crown to reflect their sovereignty and we look at the element my right, God and my right, that reflects our responsibility for what we are doing and the freedom we should have, the freedom of conscience we should fight for.

But to be really sovereign our notions are symbolic notions and the Sovereign Grand Commander is a symbol of what we all should become, sovereign people working in freedom, working for freedom and working for the right.

Sovereign Grand Commander, I have a small gift for you from my Supreme Council for your Supreme Council. We have an artist who is now a member of the 33rd Degree which made some designs of some of the Degrees and I would like to give it to you for this and in particular as a symbol of our gratitude for the wonderful welcome and all the best wishes for all the Brethren.

Canada has a great name in the world, in particular in the fight for human rights and for the rights of man and I think we only can hope that you hold on. It's wonderful.

SGC: Thank you so much. I'll make sure this gets stored here in our archives.

GMC McComb: Ill. Bro. Walker, would you please be so kind as to meet me on the level and to the altar.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Most Pre-eminent Brother David G. Walker, 33°, Governor General York Rite Sovereign College of North America and a member of this Supreme Council.

SGC: Ill. Bro. Walker, it is indeed a privilege for me to officially welcome you to our session. As I think most of the Brethren know, you are a member of our Supreme Council and are very active in your own Valley in the Scottish Rite, but a lot of us were not aware of how involved you are in the York Rite bodies, as well.

You did me the privilege of inviting me down to your session which you were presiding on in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of July and I got to see really how involved York Rite Masonry is in the United States and, indeed, it was a pleasure to meet some old friends that I wasn't expecting to see there, to tell you the truth, and to meet others.

You did me the honour to allow me to address your assembly for a couple of minutes and speak a little bit about Scottish Rite and our relationship and I wanted to do you that honour, as well, at our session. If you would care to say a few words to our Brethren, I know how proud we are of the position which you hold within York Rite and it is a personal credit to you that you found the time and obviously the desire to be involved in

Masonry to the fullest extent that you possibly can. David, it is a pleasure for me to have you here.

MPDGG David Walker: Thank you.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests in the East, my Brethren, thank you.

I am so proud to be a Mason. It's been said earlier that we are all winners here because we're together. When one has the opportunity to speak to the leaders of Freemasonry from across this nation and, indeed, in North America, and this morning in Europe, it is so enlightening to see my Brethren who have laboured in the quarries long and diligently. So, Sovereign Grand Commander, congratulations to the Scottish Rite of Canada in bringing together this wonderful group. Congratulations on the conduct of your session. Congratulations to all the new Honorary Inspectors General. I would add my welcome to you and trust that as you go forward you will accept more and more responsibility.

I was involved in the military up until 1970, and then I was looking for something because I was out two nights a week, one weekend a month and two weeks each summer and I like to be busy. So I kind of searched around a bit for a while and discovered Freemasonry and became a Mason in 1972.

By 1978, I was a member of all the York Rite bodies and a 32nd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite, because I loved spending time with my Brethren. It guaranteed a wonderful time. No matter where I travel across this North American continent, that's the experience.

I would like to share a thought with you. If you go back to the time when you began in Masonry, when you became a Mason and those first few formative years of labouring in the quarries, you had a couple of heroes. Right? A couple of brothers who were perhaps senior, very active, and they inspired you, they inspired you to bigger and better things and you, right now, can picture them in your mind's eye.

Now my question for all of us is, are we somebody's Masonic hero? We need to be. We Masons love our bling, if I may. We have wonderful titles – Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Tell them your title.

MPDGG David Walker: Most Pre-Eminently Distinguished Governor General. Aren't they wonderful? Most Worshipful Grand Master – wow. Blows my mind.

But our right to those titles depends on our membership in our Lodge and we must never forget that, no matter how busy we get in the York Rite and Scottish Rite, whatever, the duty we owe to the Craft.

Just think, if all the Scottish Rite Masons and all the York Rite Masons made a habit of attending Lodge, just imagine – just imagine. The benches would be overflowing every night. What kind of an atmosphere would that create for our initiates?

You know yourself; just look here, how good everything feels. Just the wonderful atmosphere, the fact that we're here together.

My Brethren, we worry about numbers. If we all attended Lodge on a regular basis we wouldn't have to worry about numbers.

Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander, for your courtesies. I'm so proud to be here as a Canadian representing my international body here in Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry of Canada. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, David.

I think I spied that a representative of the City of Windsor has been able to join us. We weren't sure exactly what time his schedule would permit and I believe he's here. Ill. Bro. McComb?

GMC McComb: Yes, sir, he's among us.

SGC: And perhaps you could introduce him and we'll call on him so that he can get back to his schedule, as well.

GMC McComb: Mr. Sleiman, would you please join me at the altar.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present, Councillor Ed Sleiman, representing the Mayor of Windsor.

SGC: Welcome, Councillor Sleiman. I recognize your last name. I know we've never met, but there's a wonderful beer that – I don't know if you pronounce it exactly the same way as the Sleeman...

Councillor Sleiman: Sleiman – Sleeman Beer.

SGC: Close enough?

Councillor Sleiman: Pretty close enough.

SGC: Oh, good.

Councillor Sleiman: Thank you.

SGC: Thank you so much for being willing to be here and represent the City of Windsor, our host. We would like to give you an opportunity to do a couple of words. I'll take you up to the podium. And thank you so much for joining us.

I'm not sure of your schedule. Once you've completed your remarks if you feel that you need to leave, that's quite acceptable, but if you would like to stay for the remainder of the morning, or a portion of it, you're more than welcome to do so.

Councillor Sleiman: Probably would be a bit longer.

SGC: Okay. Well, that would be great if you could remain.

So I will take you over to the podium and we look forward to your comments.

Councillor Sleiman: Good morning, everyone. If I may say, good morning, my brothers.

Being a Mason myself I can't tell you how many times I have been asked whether the Masons are a cult or some type of secret society. I explain what Masons stand for and the valuable contribution we make to society: building hospitals, raising funds to promote health and provide treatment to infants, children and young adults.

My name is Ed Sleiman. I am a City Councillor in the City of Windsor. It's both a pleasure and an honour to be here today for the 141st Annual Session of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry of Canada.

I am here this morning to bring greetings and best wishes of behalf of Mayor Drew Dilkins and my colleagues on city council.

Let me start by congratulating the Windsor Valley Scottish Rite Masons for receiving the honour of hosting the Supreme Council Sessions. I have been told that Windsor is known for hosting the best attended Session, so I hope that we have continued this tradition in 2015.

I would also like to congratulate all of the distinguished members of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry who will be receiving their 33rd final degree. I am confident you will prove worthy of your new appointment and set an example that young members can aspire to.

Finally, I would like to thank the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada for their charitable work in funding medical research in universities and hospitals across Canada. The Foundation also supports learning centres in local communities. Windsor is fortunate to have benefited from one of these centres, which helped local children with dyslexia, and for that we are grateful.

Being a Mason I understand the importance and the benefit of this large fraternal organization, which is in fact the largest in the world. The traditions go back over many years and not only does it help us become better individuals, but it allows us to help make life better for others while at the same time forming a strong and lasting friendship.

As Masons it is our duty to make our society better by supporting stronger communities, being charitable and by promoting education. I am proud to say that not only have we become better individuals, but we strive to help others become better also.

I won't take up a lot of your time, so please enjoy your day and the rest of your stay here in Windsor. I do hope that during your stay you have the opportunity to enjoy our wonderful waterfront and visit some of the local attractions to see what our great city has to offer.

Enjoy your Session and enjoy your stay, and thank you all.

SGC: Brother Sleiman – I will call you Brother – I didn't realize that you were a Mason. I'm glad to hear that. I didn't hear you mention Scottish Rite, however, and I know probably as a City Councillor and how much time that takes and what a wonderful vocation it is, but please consider joining Scottish Rite.

There were a lot ears perked up when they heard that you were a Brother in Windsor, so don't be surprised if people will be after you.

Councillor Sleiman: I would like to be active in the New Year also.

SGC: Great. Thank you.

Councillor Sleiman: I have so many people who want me to.

SGC: Great. Good.

Councillor Sleiman: Thank you.

GMC McComb: Ill. Bro. Binns, Ill. Bro. Riley, would you please join me on the level and the altar.

Brother, if you could wait just for a few seconds, I shall return.

Ill. Bro. Whitmore, would you please join me at the altar.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Most Illustrious Knight Companion Thomas Roy Binns, 33°, Grand Sovereign of the Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada and member of our Supreme Council; Right Eminent Knight Gerald A. Rile, 32°, Supreme Grand Master Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Knights Templar; Right Worthy Robert S. Whitmore, 33°, Provincial Grand Master for Ontario, Royal Order of Scotland and member of this Supreme Council.

SGC: Well, Brethren, an official welcome to our Supreme Council Sessions in Windsor. Again, I heard you were all members of our Supreme Council Scottish Rite Freemasons, and I'm very pleased to know that.

Gerald, I want to congratulate you on your preferment. I know you went into office, I believe, in Montreal in August of this year and unfortunately I was not able to be there because of the tightness of the schedule we had in Scottish Rite circles.

You were telling me that you had a wonderful session this year and I know that you are indeed a very proud Freemason and that the work that you do and the Priory does is to be commended. So thank you for finding time in your schedule to be with us.

Ill. Bro. Binns, our paths have crossed, of course, on many other occasions. I think you are in your second year of your term with the Red Cross of Constantine and I know that, again, you are a very busy Mason in Scottish Rite circles, as well as in Royal Order circles, and we are pleased that you could be with us again this time.

I don't know if I should say this or not, but this is a gentleman whose company has produced our new membership jewel, so he is quality control right here. So you need to know that.

Ill. Bro. Whitmore, of course we've known each other for quite some time and I had the pleasure a couple of years ago to witness you being installed as the Provincial Grand Master for Royal Order and it was a pleasure to be able to do that.

There is a very close relationship between the Royal Order and Scottish Rite and we are pleased that you can officially be recognized in your capacity while we're visiting in the Province of Ontario. So thank you for coming, as well.

And Rob, if you would care to make a comment or two, that would be appreciated.

And Brethren, you will be escorted to your seats.

PGM Robert S. Whitmore: Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master, honoured guests, my Brethren; it gives me a great deal of pleasure and with great pride that I bring greetings from the Royal Order of Scotland to all of you present today.

As I look out over the crowd there are, of course, many members of the Royal Order of Scotland in Ontario who are present today and throughout Canada in each of our provinces. It is wonderful to see everybody here.

However, Brethren, as I look out over the crowd what I really see is a group of men who are not made up of separate Concordant Bodies or who are not separated by provincial or territorial boundaries, or even by an ocean. What I really see is just plain friendship, a Masonic friendship that in no way is limited to specific Concordant Bodies, but cuts across all of our Masonic organizations, cuts across all of our geographical boundaries, even cuts across an ocean, and it's a wonderful friendship. It's a friendship I think unique among Masonry and, Brethren, may it ever be so.

Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

GMC McComb: Brother Loiselle, would you please join me on the level and to the altar.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Ernest Loiselle, President of DeMolay of Canada and Executive Officer in Ontario.

SGC: Ernie, I'm very pleased that you can join us again this year. You know that Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Canada and, indeed, in the United States has a very close relationship with the Order of DeMolay. I say this quite often, so most of you will have heard that, but Sovereign Grand Commander Seale and McNaughton and myself are all senior DeMolays, and we didn't sort of realize that until we started getting together in these types of circles, as well. So we appreciate the work that DeMolay does.

It was one of my objective as being Sovereign Grand Commander to try to renew and invigorate that relationship we had with the Scottish Rite in Canada and last year we were able to, for the first time, announce that we had developed a scholarship program for leadership training with DeMolay, and once again this year you have been able to find three very, very fine young men to receive that training and that we are very pleased to have been able to assist with.

So we hoped to have one of them here this morning, but he just started a new job and could not be with us from London, Ontario. But we have a brother from the west, I think in Alberta if I remember correctly, one from the Maritime provinces in New Brunswick

this time, and one from Ontario who attended DeMolay Leadership Camps this summer, leadership training in the United States, and we are very pleased as the Supreme Council to support them by giving each of them a cheque in the amount of \$500 to support what they are doing.

So I know that you will be the messenger of that good news and will make sure the money gets to the right place.

We thank you for what you are doing. I was excited to hear, during the year by e-mail, that the Valley of Barrie is really looking into perhaps being able to help you out with the Chapter development and I'm sure you're very pleased with that, as well.

So if you would like to make a comment or two, I'm very pleased to have you here.

Ernest G. Loiselle: Sovereign Grand Commander Illustrious Richard, distinguished East, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Brethren, I always have to be careful when I come and talk, especially here, because so many of you know me and will know when I'm telling you stories. And I just lost my notes with the three names. Oh, boy.

This year, as Illustrious Sir Richard has said, we have had some phenomenal success. Do you realize that in all of Canada the Scottish Rite is the largest sponsor of DeMolay in Canada? I believe it's the same in the States, is it not?

I know that both Illustrious Richard and Bill surround themselves with a number of active deputies that are not only working for Scottish Rite, but are also executive officers and Chapter advisers in DeMolay Chapters. And you say why. DeMolay is our future.

Many of us have had all sorts of aspirations for being distinguished Masonic leaders. You know all the money and all the meeting places in the world will mean nothing if there is anyone to fill the seats.

But I'm preaching to the choir, because every single one of you knows that exactly.

This year the Scottish Rite in their bursary helped send three of our nineteen young men to attend the leadership training in the United States.

In Alberta, Robert Cameron White, a sixteen-year-old from Edmonton Chapter attended the Keyman University leadership conference in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Zach Bernicky, an eighteen-year-old member of G. Fred Kingsmill Chapter in London attended the same activity, the 2015 Keyman University leadership conference in Elizabethtown.

And in New Brunswick, from Moncton, New Brunswick, Patrick Eisner, a fifteen-year-old man from Moncton attended the regional one, DeMolay LTC in New Durham, New Hampshire.

These three men are forever thankful because it didn't cost them anything other than transportation to go to these leadership training experiences where they learn not only the skills required to run their DeMolay Chapters, but skills that will help them throughout their life in business management, because this isn't running a Chapter or a Lodge, just an exercise of good business management. And that's what they learned,

about getting new product development, sales approach, and membership. Membership is the same as beating the bushes for new customers.

As Illustrious Sir Richard has said, the Valley of Barrie has joined the other Valleys here in Ontario. In Ontario, the Ottawa Valley, Guelph Valley, London and Windsor all sponsored DeMolay Chapters. The Valley of Barrie, where we have been trying for years to develop a Chapter, has come on board and I think our prospects are more than comfortable that within a year or so we should have a Chapter in Barrie.

I thank each and every single one of you for living the lives and getting out there and beating the bushes for us with support for DeMolay. We want your sons, we want your grandsons, we want your nephews, we even want your brother-in-law who takes all your beer and eats all your hamburgers, we even want his son to come out, look at what we offer and make a decision for themselves: Is DeMolay what they are interested in? Is DeMolay good enough for them? We believe it is.

Thank you very much for your continued support and guidance throughout the year.

SGC: Thank you, Ernie.

I want you to know that Ernie has the petition and he assures me early in the New Year, and so by the next time he comes back to one of these sessions, he will be a member of Scottish Rite.

GMC McComb: Ill. Bro. Maitland, Ill. Bro. Chamney, would you please join me at the altar.

GM Brethour: Sovereign Grand Commander, my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Ill. Bro. Gordon Maitland, 33°, Past Twice Puissant Grand Master, Windsor Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Windsor; Ill. Bro. Daniel Chamney, 32°, Past Most Wise Sovereign, Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Windsor.

SGC: Brethren, thank you so much for joining us and being the official delegates, really, to the local Scottish Rite Valley.

Ill. Bro. Maitland, I guess all of us recognize you from yesterday afternoon and I thank you for your service not only in your Valley, but in Scottish Rite in particular, and it was nice that you are able to have such an integral part in our vesper service yesterday.

Daniel, I know that you are here on behalf of your body, as well. I appreciate the fact that Windsor has been going through some difficult times in terms of illnesses with some of their leadership, and that you could be here to represent them is important, as well.

Again, would you please extend to the members of your Valley the appreciation of all of us for the work that you have done to put on these Sessions. They are not that easy a thing to do. It takes lots of time and over a course of two or three years, really, to make sure everything is in place.

We thank you so much for being here and I don't know if you care to say a word, that would be great and we'd be pleased to do that and have you join us. Thank you so much.

III. Bro. Gordon Maitland: Sovereign Grand Commander, members of Supreme Council, distinguished visitors and Brethren all, on behalf of the Windsor Valley Lodge of Perfection and the Windsor Valley Chapter of the Rose Croix, we want to formally welcome you and express our joy and pleasure in having you here.

Many have volunteered from the Windsor Valley to assist behind the scenes and we hope their hospitality has been felt and we hope that they have extended the very best welcome to you as your time is spent here in Windsor.

Now, I do have a few remarks to say, Sovereign Grand Commander, and that is to say that in my profession as an ordained minister – and I know the Grand Prior will back me up on this – that we sometimes hear people express to us because of certain behaviours their concern of being struck by lightning.

Now, you may not know this, but Windsor is the thunderstorm capital of Canada. There are more thunderstorms in this city than any other in Canada, and consequently your chances of being struck by lightning are much higher here than anywhere else.

So in light of the stories we've heard from the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern District of the United States, let me assure you the Grand Prior and I will be at the banquet tonight to hear your confession and make sure the chances of lightning strike are thereby diminished.

Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you. Thanks so much.

I believe that concludes our distinguished guests' introductions. Indeed, I want to thank all of you who have been introduced for taking time from your schedules to be with us.

When I just sat down just previous to this last announcement, I thought I should make myself cognizant of the time and I had taken my wristwatch off to sort of remind me and somehow I turned it over and I got thoughts from last night and I was panicking here to figure out, now what time is it, because my watch was upside down and I couldn't tell what was there. So I think we're doing fine for time.

One of the things that I had mentioned earlier on just as we were underway this morning was that I wanted to use this opportunity this morning to aware the John Ross Matheson Award.

Last year the Supreme Council had a revisit of the criteria for selection and the process that had been in place since, I think, about 2001, and we made a couple of slight modifications. In terms of the selection procedure it is the same, but the presentations, what we have decided that we would do is that rather than require the recipients to come to an annual session, fly across the country and pay for a hotel and what have you, that we would afford them the opportunity to be presented with the John Ross

Matheson Award perhaps in their home Valley on an occasion that could be arranged by the Valley, and hopefully the Sovereign Grand Commander of the day.

So last year we had two named recipients and as it turned out neither was available to come to Halifax, regardless of how we handled it. So I had the opportunity in, I believe it was October, through arrangements with the Valley of Victoria to present the John Ross Matheson Award to Ill. Bro. Terry Akerman.

He was most appreciative of having well over – in fact, I think there were about 125 Brethren there and many of them came specifically for that purpose and it was a wonderful evening and he spoke about his love for Freemasonry, and Scottish Rite in particular.

Our other recipient, who was unable to be here, indicated because we would be meeting in Ontario and the proximity to where he lives, that he would make himself available at this Session. So we have this morning with us Ill. Bro. Gordon Curl from the Valley of Guelph.

I want to take this opportunity to formally introduce him to you and to designate him as a John Ross Matheson Award winner, and I'm going to ask Ill. Bro. Skip Whiteley if he would please join with me, as well, in this process.

Skip, as you know, has been chairman of that committee for a number of years, perhaps even from its inception, and he is stepping down from that committee at the end of this triennium, as well, and I have asked him specifically if he would assist me in this.

So Ill. Bro. Grand Marshall, if you can find Ill. Bro. Gordon Curl for me – and there he is over on the other side – and if they would join me at the podium, I would appreciate it. In fact, we can do this at the altar. We'll do this at the altar.

Ill. Bro. Skip Whiteley: Well, Brethren, the John Ross Matheson Award is the most prestigious award that our Supreme Council offers for distinguished Masonic service and we will, I think probably tomorrow morning, announce the decisions of our Supreme Council this year and you will learn the names of the two Brethren who, during the next year, will go through a similar situation.

Ill. Bro. Gord, I know that you have been a Mason for, I think, thirty-four years now and most of that period of time you have also been a member of Scottish Rite.

My notes tell me that you have served as Most Puissant Grand Master of your Lodge of Perfection and I know that you have been involved locally as a lodge secretary, a treasurer and you have a background in accounting so you are in great demand to do those kinds of things in your community.

I also noted that you have a love of antique cars are involved in those things and are very involved in your own church, as well.

The nomination process requires Brethren to nominate you and to let us know a few things about you. I was particularly struck by one paragraph – and that's why I've got this piece of paper here – because I wanted to let you hear what the Brethren who

nominated you in your Valley said about you and with respect to your service to mankind.

Gord's service to mankind is shown to all of us through the way he lives his life, a quiet, gentle man who never raises his voice, takes every day in his stride and is never heard complaining. Never do you hear Gord Curl say an unkind word about anyone or any situation. He just quietly works dispassionately for the betterment of all and always thinks before he speaks, the sign of a true Mason.

His example to family and his many friends show him as a leader to all and this becomes very evident in his daily life."

So there is no question that your Brethren highly regard you and we, as Scottish Rite Freemasons, want to acknowledge that. I'm going to ask Skip if he would please formally present you with the John Ross Matheson Award.

I don't know if you're going to have some trouble with that hand, but...okay.

(John Ross Matheson Award presented)

SGC: Thank you, Skip, very much, for doing that and again, thank you so much for your work on that committee and all the work you've done, and I know you will continue on and you will continue to contribute in other ways to the Supreme Council. You deserve a little bit of a rest from all that fundraising, as well, and we are pleased to see you are up and around after that unfortunate fall on the escalator and that obviously you wanted to stay, because you easily could have gone home with an injury like that. We appreciate you doing that and continuing to be part our Session today. Thank you, Skip.

And Gord, if you would like to say a word or two I'll have you come up to the podium to do that. And if you'll allow me, I'll just adjust that jewel for you because obviously Skip, with that hand, doesn't have the dexterity that he would normally have. So I'll just if I can put that on so you can – I think that will do there.

So Gord, if you would like to share a few things, please do so.

III. Bro. Gord Curl: Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, distinguished East and my Brethren all, it isn't very often that I'm speechless. When I heard what our Sovereign Grand Commander read I thought my mother would be proud, but my dad would shake his head.

I have been a member of this Council now for fourteen years, having been coroneted in London in 2001. During those years I have attended almost every Supreme Council reunion here. I think I've missed a couple due to illness, but I never failed to appreciate the work that goes into one of these reunions. If you have been involved in one, you will know of which I speak.

As our Sovereign Grand Commander said, that I have been involved in the antique car hobby for many years, having married a lady that had an antique car. Couldn't afford to buy one, but we have travelled over 100,000 miles in that car, a 1932 Frontenac. And we have met Masons throughout the U.S. I have driven as far as Omaha, Wisconsin

and pretty well everywhere in Ontario, and I've met many, many Masons. Quite often the only reason you would know that they were a Mason, you might just happen to see a ring or whatever.

But as our Grand Master has indicated, I am proud to be a Mason and I have a symbol on my car and everybody knows whereof I am.

Also, we are very proud of our building in Guelph and I would be remiss if I didn't extend greetings from our Thrice Puissant and our Most Wise Sovereign and invite you to attend any of our meetings, either in the Lodge or in Scottish Rite.

Once again, thank you and I appreciate the honour. Thank you.

SGC: If you would like to join us, please.

Thank you, Gord.

Now, I'm going to sit down for a little bit and my script tells me there's a few things that we should mention at this point. First is that, for those of you who were not at our session yesterday, that the minutes of the 2014 Session in Halifax were adopted as published and so they have been approved and so I wanted you to know that, as well.

I believe there is a tradition, Ill. Bro. Gilkinson, for us to have you poll the members. Is that correct? Am I reading the script correctly? Could you do that now?

GSG: That is correct, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you.

GSG: I'll first poll the Active Members: Done

And I'll poll the following Past-Actives: Done.

Sovereign Grand Commander, all Active and Past Active members are present with the exception of Actives: John Lawer, James Ross, Ronald MacDonald, Orlan Weber; and Past Actives: Robert Barnett, Ray Bryant, John Chadbourne, Gerald Chaulk, Stanley Clayton, William Cook, Philippe Decelles, C. Edwin Drew, Thomas Hannan, Donald Lambie, Donald Orr, Ken Orr, Pierre Phaneuf, John Prosnick, Jack Sproule, Robert Taylor, Don Thornton, Robert Waddell, Robert Wands, Alexander Watson, John Winch, James Wood, Gordon Young, and I know that Edward Standish was here up until this morning, in any event.

That is the roll call, sir.

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Gilkinson.

I think most of you are aware that Ill. Bros John Lawer and Jim Ross and Ron MacDonald are all absent due to illnesses, and in fact Ill. Bro. MacDonald was scheduled for surgery yesterday and we haven't heard yet how that's come out and hopefully we'll hear something before the end of the day.

And Ill. Bro. Orlan Weber is moving residence from Alberta to British Columbia and is in the midst of that and sends his regrets, as well.

Yesterday we had the almoner's box the fraternal assistance after the degrees and it is customary that we designate that to the host Valley, and I'm wondering if – well, yes, I think we do need a motion on that to happen.

Ill. Bro. Gilkinson, would you be prepared to make that motion?

GSG: I would, Sovereign Grand Commander.

I will move, seconded by Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, that the Supreme Council offering taken in general session be forwarded to the Almoner of the Valley of Windsor.

SGC: And active members, by a show of hands, all in favour? Opposed, if any?

That's carried. Thank you.

Grand Secretary-General, I understand that you have received regrets. Did you want to make a confirmation on a couple of those, or a comment?

GSG: Yes, Sovereign Grand Commander. We have received regrets from the Supreme Council of England and Wales from Sovereign Grand Commander Allan Englefield. Also from the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Scotland, J.M. Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet, and from Australia on behalf of Past Sovereign Grand Commander Jack Ball.

SGC: Thank you so much for that.

Illustrious Grand Secretary-General, there has been, certainly with the introduction of our guests today, talk of our close relationship with many of the Supreme Councils around the world and we have a system of Grand Representatives between Supreme Councils, and I indicated in the session yesterday that I was able to make several appointments in my capacity of Sovereign Grand Commander, but I have left the majority of that work in the hands of our next Sovereign Grand Commander and we consulted on the ones that were done more recently this year.

We would like to just recognize those Brethren that are representing us to other Supreme Councils, or representing those Supreme Councils to us I guess is the proper way to say it. I always get that confused.

So I would ask our Grand Secretary-General to call the roll of the Grand Representatives as we understand the terms of registration that are present at these sessions.

GSG: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. With your permission I will omit those Grand Reps that are not present today?

SGC: Yes.

GSG: All right.

Roll Call of the Grand Representatives was called and regrets given for those absent.

(See page 338 for Grand Representatives List)

GSG: I believe that completes the roll, Sovereign Grand Commander, of Grand Reps.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General.

And I wonder if we might ask Ill. Bro. Marvin Munro to speak on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

Ill. Bro. Munro: Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, distinguished guests, Sovereign Grand Commander and members of the Supreme Council, the Grand Representatives of this Supreme Council bring you greetings from all the Supreme Councils of the world we represent.

We understand our duties are to assist in maintaining fraternal relations between Supreme Councils and building bridges of brotherly amity between brethren.

Freemasonry is a worldwide fraternity and one of its beauties is that we maintain ties with brother Masons around the world, one of our greatest ideals, universality.

A great many of us have found being a Grand Representative has led to making new Masonic friends in other places. We must remember what Freemasonry is about and why we are involved in it. We are trying to learn and improve ourselves and to be interesting people and have a good time. We are trying to promote brotherhood among all people and spread the Masonic philosophy of tolerance and acceptance of all people, regardless of race, religion or anything else other than the content of their character.

Every Grand Representative can enrich himself both in knowledge and by new friendships. We do not look upon these appointments as mere honorary offices, but as service to Scottish Rite Freemasonry and the principle of universal brotherhood. The greatest gift we can bestow on others is a good example.

We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us by entrusting this important task to each of us. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Munro.

Brethren, one thing I can do is control the length of my allocution, but the thing I can't do is control the length of the video. Is it ready to go?

I would like, then, to take this time and I can vary my time after that. Perhaps, Ill. Bro. McLean, would you give a brief introduction to the process we've been through the last number of months? Then we will show you the video on the screen to your side here. It will be a bit of a break of the formality here.

LGC: Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, distinguished guests and Brethren, what you are going to see is a video. The Sovereign Grand Commander took the initiative of membership and he said, I guess the middle of the year, 'We need a video'. So I asked him a little bit more, 'But what about the content? What would you like it to do?'

And he said, 'Well, I think we need a video to use as a recruiting tool, as well as information about the Scottish Rite, and particularly focussing on the Master Mason'.

So I hired the services of Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov, who did the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation video, and I said, 'We would like to do something similar for the membership'.

So he got his production crew and he travelled from coast to coast. I asked the deputies if they could give us a list of brethren who would be capable of participating and willing to participate in the video.

So we do have a cross-section and you'll see them identified, and there might be some people in the room that you will see up on the screen.

Now, I saw this video, the finished product, about seven o'clock this morning, so it is uncut, it's about twenty-five minutes long – it shouldn't be that long – so we thought it was important for you to take a look at it anyway and your feedback will be much appreciated.

We will then go back to the editorial board and take another look at it.

I would ask the Brethren on this side if they'd either like to swing their chair around to look at the screen, or move to someplace else. It will be projected behind you.

GSG: Okay. If you need anything, you just let me know.

MEMBERSHIP VIDEO IS PLAYED

SGC: If you resume, your chairs we'll continue on. I was able not to see that exact one, but about two nights ago the first copy was made available to us and I'm thinking personally today, just given the comments of some of our distinguished guests and what we've been seeing, witnessing before this, how that really, in my mind, sort of tied in everything we've been about.

We know that it's too long for most audiences, but I thought it was important that you saw what these Brethren had to say about our wonderful organization.

What they said, none of that was scripted. These were their thoughts and what they wanted to do, and obviously that's the craft of the editors, as well, in terms of putting that together.

The only other comment I want to make about that is you realize that we have a special candidates fund that, over the last number of years now, we've been asking our new Honorary Inspectors General to make a contribution towards and we've been waiting to decide how we might use some of the interest from that money once it's built up.

I want you to know that the first use of that money, the investment interest on that account, is going to fund that membership video in its final form. And so it's a fitting tribute to the honourees of the last number of years in terms of helping us perpetuate Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Canada.

So, Terry, if you would please extend our thanks to the team that is continuing to work on this. I know we're even thinking we might have a couple of versions, one that's much, much shorter and one that's perhaps a bit longer that you might even want to

show in your Valleys to your existing members because I think it's a really good news message there and something we've needed.

Terry, did you want to make a final comment or anything?

LGC: No, Sovereign Commander.

SGC: I have one quick announcement that I said I would make. Those of you who are wearing the Scottish Rite jewel, yesterday someone found an eagle that had dropped off on the floor. So if you would take a look, if you're missing the eagle in the middle it will be up here for you. It's not something probably most of us would even realize is missing until the next time we were going to put it on.

So take a look and if you seem to be missing the small, little eagle in the middle, it will be up here for you to retrieve and with a little bit of Crazy Glue I think you can get it back on.

Now, to the best of my knowledge we are done other than for me. Is that correct, Brian?

GSG: That is correct, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: The candidates are reminded of the workshop and I believe, Ill. Bro. Loopstra, you wanted to remind the directors of the Foundation.

Ill. Bro. Loopstra: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

The directors of the Foundation that were elected at the members' meeting yesterday, there is going to be a very short meeting but we do require your attendance, immediately following this meeting, across the hall in the meeting room.

Unless you want to join the Ill. Bro. in the lion's den, be there on time. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Loopstra.

Brethren, I am mindful of the time, but I do want to say a few things. But traditionally at the beginning of the Allocution – and I'm going to ask that this be done now before I really begin – we need to take time to remember Brethren who are not with us, that have participated in our Supreme Council in past years and no longer can do so, and I'm going to ask our Illustrious if he might lead us in a short memorial in relationship to those brothers so that we can all take a moment from our schedules and bring back memories of our fine associations with those Brethren.

Brother Grand Prior.

GP Michael Farr: Sovereign Grand Commander, keeping in mind the time I will try and restrict some of the things that I usually do, without making it less.

We gather in the presence of God this day to remember those who have gone before us in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

The eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

We shall now hear the 23rd Psalm.

III. Bro. Alan Petrisor: The Lord is my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie in pastures green, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness e'en for His own namesake.
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale yet will I fear no ill
For Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff me comfort still
My table Thou has furnished in presence of my foes.
My head Thou doest with oil anoint and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me
And in God's house forever more my dwelling place shall be.

GP Michael Farr: Gathering together in the presence of God, we give thanks and celebrate the lives of the Scottish Rite Masons who have gone before us. We have also come to say good-bye to them and to give thanks for God that he has received them into His kingdom.

We shall read in the Allocution those names of those Brethren. Unfortunately, we already know two of them, at least: C. Robert Townsend and Ken Rutherford. Each one of us will have our own memories of them and I trust that when you see those names you will have memories of all the others.

Most of you will have seen or read the baluster on Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townsend, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, a bishop of the church.

In the Royal Order of Scotland his characteristic name was Faith. How appropriate, because he, like, some of the others of us, are not really religious people, but we are people of faith. He understood all people to be children of God.

I was privileged to attend his initiation into Tuscan Lodge in Sarnia, but we have a long connection. Not only that, our families have a long connection and I know from the expressions on your faces the way he and I used to be back and forth at each other, you wondered what I was doing speaking to the Sovereign Grand Commander and my former boss, bishop of the church, in those ways.

My grandfather was a priest of the church and when Bob's father started ministry they were in adjoining parishes, so that's where the family connection started. When my father was ordained into the priesthood, Bob's father was his mentor. When I was ordained into the priesthood, Bob was my mentor.

His daughter, at his eulogy, said that he understood the church to be a living, changing organization and it's my memory that he provided the same kind of leadership to Scottish Rite, that it was a living, changing organization, as well.

Now that he has gone I'll have to find someone else to pick on during my sermons. I started with Gordon and his wife yesterday.

That sometimes gruff man had another side. He used to live in a house right on Lake Huron and when the rain and the snow blew in off the lake sideways, he had to go in the back. He couldn't stand to be there seeing that snow come in.

For those of you who live in the mountains, snow doesn't fall down out of the sky, it comes in sideways on the wind.

I wish to leave you with some wisdom from Bishop Bob. He taught his wife Pat to drink single malt Scotch - Pat, whom I've known personally since grade ten in high school – and that way you only have to take one bottle with you when you travel.

If you're playing golf and smoking a cigar, never put the cigar on the ground behind you lest when you swing, you swing off –balance and step back on it. You always put it down in front of you. At our age, play from the senior tees.

When there is a problem and it's your fault, own it. If you are the cause of the problem, own it and fix it.

III. Bro. Rutherford I knew from here. I will remember Ken as a gentle man.

It's difficult to say good-bye to some of these folks whom we love and will see no longer, because their death leaves an emptiness in our lives that only God and time will fill and heal. But our joy is that God and time will heal, will heal that and fill that emptiness.

Let us pray.

Lord, teach us to count our days so that we may live wisely in Your love, which is our true home in life and death. Help us to let go of the things that are keeping us from living truthfully and gracefully in Your mercy and love. Guide us to treasure our days and apply our hearts to Your wisdom. Amen.

Audience: So mote it be.

GP Michael Farr: And praying together the universal prayer:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by the name, Thy kingdom come.
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SGC: Thank you, III. Bro. Prior.

Past Sovereign Grand Commander Matt Todd, if you would take the gavel while I proceed with my remarks.

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Peers and Brethren, it is indeed an honour and a privilege for me to address you this final time as your Sovereign Grand Commander at this 141st Session of our Supreme Council.

Allocution to follow on Page 142

After the Allocution:

SGC: I close by reiterating what I stated in my closing Allocution last year. It is incumbent on each of us to continue to strive to promote the value of becoming a member of our Scottish Rite. We must continue to do that all the time.

Thank you, my Brethren, for giving me this extraordinary opportunity to serve you as your thirty-fifth Sovereign Grand Commander. Thank you.

PSGC Todd: Active Members of Supreme Council, following the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander it is necessary to have a motion. I will ask Past Sovereign Grand Commander Crosby to move that the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander be received with thanks and referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

PSGC Crosby: Sovereign Grand Commander, I move that the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander be received with thanks and referred to the Committee of Jurisprudence and Legislation.

PSGC Todd: Secunder, please?

LGC: I will second that.

PSGC Todd: Moved and seconded. Is there any comment? You have heard the motion. All those in favour signify in the usual manner. Motion carried.

Sovereign Grand Commander, it's a pleasure.

SGC: Thank you.

PSGC Todd: I thank you for the Allocution and the pleasure.

SGC: Thank you.

Well, Brethren, we will now suspend labours of this Supreme Council, to be resumed at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. There will be an executive session at eight-thirty. We will be crowning four active members and so I would ask all those who are participating in that to be sure that we can start right at eight-thirty.

We do not have very much business at all tomorrow morning, but we do have a couple of items. I have to hear what this Committee on Jurisprudence has to say about what I said this morning, and a couple of other things.

Then, of course, the most important thing is to have the installation of officers for our next triennium, as life continues on. My estimation is that with all that we do need to do tomorrow morning I would be surprised if you weren't walking out that door and getting ready to go home shortly after eleven. That's what we're going to try for.

So we think we can do that. That's why I wanted to show that video today, rather than tomorrow.

There will be copies of the Allocution available to you when you leave and I think I would be remiss if I didn't do the commercial that this afternoon I think if you probably go by where the office is set up, those of you who have sufficient funds can purchase a membership jewel, if you wish. We have some that we have ordered in anticipation of that.

They will only be available through the Supreme Council office. They will not be available through any commercial vendor. We have talked to several of the more prominent vendors in the country and they have assured us that they will respect our right to issue those ourselves. So I mention that to you, as well.

The afternoon is yours. A reminder again for the Board of Directors of the Foundation, you have a meeting and we have the workshop for the newly invested Honorary Inspectors General.

So Brethren, if you would stand. Illustrious Grand Prior, would you please attend at the altar.

I thank you all for your attendance. If you would kindly allow the platform guests to retire, that would be appreciated. Again, we will see you tonight for dinner and Allard and I got a bet and we're going to see how it all works out. So we really appreciate what you have told us in terms of our banquets and our timing and we are going to do our best.

So with that, thank you, and Most Worshipful the Grand Master, thank you for being up here this morning and your kind words, as well.

GM Green: Thank you.

SGC: Shall we lead us off?

Allocution of Sovereign Grand Commander 141st Annual Session ~ Windsor, Ontario

Peers and Brethren:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 22(s) of the Statutes and Regulations of the Supreme Council, I am presenting my third Allocution “enumerating all rulings made, permissions and dispensations granted, and important official acts done during the year and recommending the legislation I (he) may deem necessary or expedient for the continued welfare of the Rite.”

May I first offer you a very warm and fraternal welcome to the 141st Annual Session of our Supreme Council, held this year in Windsor, Ontario and hosted by the Valley of Windsor.

To our candidates and their spouses, I extend our congratulations and best wishes on their election to our Supreme Council.

It is also a pleasure to be in the company of our distinguished guests from within Scottish Rite Masonry and from our larger Masonic family. I am particularly pleased that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M. W. Bro. John C. Green is with us. Ill. Bro. Green, 33° was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General yesterday afternoon.

The Valley of Windsor has a long and rich history. Freemasonry has been present in this area since 1764. Palestine Lodge of Perfection and the Rose Croix Chapter were originally constituted on December 9, 1887. Unfortunately the Charters were surrendered six years later. The Lodge of Perfection was re-established on April 29, 1916 and the Rose Croix Chapter in 1918. The Valley also sponsors the Windsor Learning Centre. The Centre, the second to be incorporated, began its operation in 2005.

I believe that this will be the sixth time our Annual Session has been held in Windsor.

Necrology

It is customary and fitting each year, at our Annual Session of Supreme Council, for us to celebrate the lives of our friends and brothers who were called to be with the Great Architect of the Universe. All will be missed and we give thanks to God our Father for their lives and the love they shared with us. We mourn their passing and join together in the celebration of their lives on earth.

Since we last met two Past Sovereign Grand Commanders and two Past Active Members of our Supreme Council have died. Each brought his special talents and gifts to Freemasonry and especially Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Each of them lived lives well respected and each of them died regretted.

Past Sovereign Grand Commanders

III. Bro. Glenn M. Martin, 33° (1925-2015)

III. Bro. Martin served as Sovereign Grand Commander (1997 - 2000). He began his Masonic journey in Kamloops, BC, in 1960 and joined Scottish Rite in 1962. He served his Scottish Rite Valley as the presiding officer in all three bodies. III. Bro. Martin was very active in the Order of Eastern Star and the Royal Order of Scotland and a great supporter of Job's Daughters. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in 1979 and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in 1991. Until ill health limited his travel, he attended Advisory Council meetings and Annual Sessions.

III. Bro. C. Robert Townshend, 33° (1938-2015)

III. Bro. Townshend served as Sovereign Grand Commander (2006 -2009). His Masonic journey began in 1971 in Tuscan Lodge No.437 and two years later he joined Chatham Lodge of Perfection. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in 1990 and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in 1994. III. Bro. Townshend served as the Provincial Grand Master for the Royal Order of Scotland and was a member of Mocha Temple Shriners.

The "Bishop", as we fondly liked to refer to him, took a keen interest in the Charitable Foundation, serving as its President from 2012 to 2014 when ill health forced him to step down. He was instrumental in spearheading the celebration of the Foundation's 50th Anniversary and Million Dollar Fundraising Initiative.

Active Members

III. Bro. Kenneth R. Rutherford, 33° (1948-2015)

III. Bro. Rutherford was the Chief Operating Officer for the Supreme Council, having been appointed in 2011. He was, in fact, at the office preparing for this very Session when he died.

He began his Masonic Journey in 1984 in Prince Arthur Lodge located in Arthur, Ontario and two years later joined Royal City Lodge of Perfection and Guelph Chapter Rose Croix. In 1987 he became a member of the Hamilton Consistory. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in 2005 and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in 2007.

III. Bro. Ken served Scottish Rite in a number of leadership roles in his Valley, on the Supreme Council and as an administrator. He went about his work quietly, with compassion for all with whom he came in contact, and with a desire to ensure that their needs were addressed.

Past Active Members

III. Bro. John W. Lewis, 33° (1948-2014)

III. Bro. Lewis was received into Masonry in 1985. In 1998 was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, and crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in 2009. Despite his ill health and weak condition, he and his wife, Nancy, travelled to Halifax last year to attend our Session. He died two months later on December 22, 2014.

III. Bro. Thomas W. S. Band, 33° (1921-2015)

III. Bro. Band was received into Masonry in 1950. In 1986 was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, and crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in 1989. In September, 1997 he became a Past Active member of our Supreme Council.

I would also like to mention the passing of Mrs. Isabel M. Mortlock, wife of Past Sovereign Grand Commander, III. Bro. Walter Mortlock, 33°, who predeceased her. Her life spanned December 27, 1910 until March 1, 2015. III. Bro. Mortlock held office from 1979 to 1982 and died in 1998.

Honorary Inspectors-General

BEEDHAM, John	July 20, 2014
BELL, James Duncan	June 14, 2015
BEWICK, Joseph	June 3, 2013
BOONE, Ralph Melville	June 29, 2015
BRADSHAW, George John	April 16, 2015
BRISCO, Fredrick Benjamin	November 5, 2014
DAVIES, Robert Edwin	December 14, 2014
DRIVER, Darrol Dean	February 25, 2015
FERSTER, Hugh Everett	October 3, 2014
GERRARD, James Walker	September 18, 2014
HAIRSINE, John Edwin	September 11, 2014
HARE, Edward John	September 2, 2014
HISCOTT, Ernest Walter	February 23, 2015
HOWARD, John	October 3, 2014
JAWORSKI, Robert Douglas	July 3, 2015
LAYCRAFT, J. Herbert	August 5, 2015
LIVINGSTONE, John David	September 3rd, 2014
MAZERALL, Earle Emmett	November 18, 2014
MCCLURE, George Chester	June 27, 2015
MCGUIRE, William Adam	January 5, 2015
MCMULLIN, John Henry	October 19, 2014
MCNAUGHTON, Gordon Wesley	October 30, 2014
MELLOR, James Lloyd	April 16, 2015
PETERSON, Leslie Raymond	April 14, 2015
PHILLIPS, Gordon Robert	September 7, 2014
PINNOW, John William	August 6, 2015
POSTILL, Gerald Edgar	August 3, 2014
PUFFER, Hubert Gordon	July 30, 2015
RADU, Arthur	October 3, 2014
SCARBOROUGH, Earl James	October 8, 2014
SHEARER, W. Gordon	February 11, 2015
SINTON, Floyd Mac	March 18, 2015
SUTHERLAND, Robert James	December 25, 2014
SWAIN, Alan Hadfield	May 26, 2015
THOMAS, Nelson Horace	October 30, 2014

THOMSON, James MacKey
WOODBURN, Christopher John

April 11, 2015
May 23, 2015

Illustrious Deceased of Other Jurisdictions

I refer you to the Fraternal Relations Report for a comprehensive listing of the passing of distinguished brethren from our Sister Scottish Rite Supreme Councils throughout the world.

Constituent Bodies

While we do not have a list of those brethren from Constituent Bodies throughout the Country who have laid down their Working Tools, we shall also give thanks for their contribution to Freemasonry. Many of these were friend and brothers in our own towns and communities and we mourn their loss and can be thankful of their eternal life with God our Father.

Past Active Rank

Our Statutes and Regulations requires that an Active Member attaining the age of 75 years must transfer to Past Active rank and also allow Active Members to request transfer to same.

This year we have one Active Member who has submitted his resignation as an Active Member and one Active Member who by reason of age has attained this status.

III. Bro. Marvin J. Salmi, 33° Past Active

III. Bro. Salmi faithfully fulfilled his duties as a Deputy for Ontario, travelling many hundreds of miles on behalf of Scottish Rite. I am confident that he will continue to support this Supreme Council as his time and health permits.

III. Bro. Marvin L. Munro, 33° Past Active

III. Bro. Munro served as Deputy for British Columbia and the Yukon from 2006 to 2014. I am confident that he will continue to provide counsel to this Supreme Council as a Past Active Member.

Resignation from Office

III. Bro. James Ross, 33° who was serving as the Deputy for Quebec, submitted his resignation in early May, 2015 in order to serve the Grand Lodge of Quebec as its Grand Master. III. Bro. Jean Reed, 33° the outgoing Grand Master, has accepted the interim appointment as Deputy for Quebec.

I also wish to mention one Supreme Council Member who will not be continuing in office at the conclusion of this triennium. III. Bro. Ron MacDonald, 33° has decided to retire from office and afford the opportunity for leadership to other Active members.

I have enjoyed working with this fine Freemason. I thank him for his contribution to Scottish Rite these past three years. I am sure that Ron will continue to contribute as an Active member of this Supreme Council.

Dispensations and Rulings

Our Statutes and Regulations provide that a Deputy may request the Sovereign Grand Commander to allow a jurisdiction to nominate candidates, in excess of the standard 3.0% to a maximum of 3.5% of the jurisdictional membership, to be considered for

election to be coroneted as Honorary Inspectors-General. The Article also allows a Deputy to request the right to submit one nomination per province in situations where the 3.5% entitlement does not entitle a jurisdiction to nominate.

In all cases where a request has been made, I have agreed to the extension of the number of candidates to be proposed.

I have approved Bylaw revisions for the Valley of Sudbury Lodge of Perfection; the Valley of Vancouver; the Valley of Fraser Valley; and the Valley of Central Alberta Lodge of Perfection.

Several situations concerning the accommodation of candidates to receive degrees on alternate dates or in a sister Valley have been referred to me, and I believe in all situations the Deputy and I have been able to meet the needs of a candidate within the confines of our Statutes and Regulations.

Several Valleys have requested that they be allowed to hold the Re-Lighting of Lights on Maundy Thursday. The Statutes should be clarified so that all Valleys understand that the two ceremonies of Extinguishing the Lights and Re-lighting the Lights should not occur on the same day.

It is also wise to remind Valleys that have had a dispensation approved that the approval is for that occasion only and that a request for a similar dispensation in the future must be submitted for each occasion.

Official Visits and Special Attendances

During the third year of my tenure I have had an opportunity to travel within a number of jurisdictions. I thank all those who have assisted with my travel arrangements including transportation and accommodations for me. It is indeed a privilege to be part of this very large Masonic Family.

Official Visits and Special Attendances 2014 - 2015

2014

Sept. 8 - 13	Annual Session in Halifax
Oct. 16 - 17	Official Visit Valley of Victoria
Nov. 5	Site visit Valley of Windsor
Nov. 6 - 7	Advisory Council, Hamilton
Nov. 7 - 8	Official Visit Valley of Fraser Valley – 50 th Anniversary of Lodge of Perfection
Nov. 15	Valley of Regina Lodge of Perfection Reunion, Director of the 7 th Degree
Nov. 27	Regina Valley Christmas Party

2015

Jan. 16	Assiniboia Lodge No. 49 Installation of Officers, Regina
Jan. 17	Wa Wa Temple Installation and Annual meeting, Regina
Jan. 23 - Feb. 1	El Salvador, Habitat for Humanity, home build with Lodge members
Feb. 14 - 18	Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Vancouver
Feb. 24 - 28	Supreme Council for Mexico Conference, Cancun, Mexico
Mar. 6 - 7	Official Visit Sault Ste. Marie Valley Rose Croix
Mar. 17 - 18	Funeral of Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend, 33°, London
Mar. 27 - 28	All Canada Conference, Winnipeg

Apr. 1 - 3	Official Visit Valley of Quebec, Maundy Thursday, Quebec City
Apr. 9 - 10	Advisory Council, Burlington
Apr. 10 - 11	Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Board meeting, Burlington
Apr. 16 - 19	Official Visit Valley of Halifax
May 1 - 3	Official Visit Valley of North Bay
May 10 - 17	World Conference of Supreme Councils, Lisbon, Portugal
May 27 - 28	Official Visit Valley of Montreal – English and French bodies
May 29 - 31	Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal
Jun. 6 - 7	Official Visit Valley of Sudbury
Jun. 18 - 20	Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Swift Current
Jul. 14 - 16	Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Toronto
Jul. 31 - Aug. 2	York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Louisville, Kentucky
Aug. 21 - 26	Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, Washington, D.C.
Aug. 29 - Sept. 2	Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Sep. 14 - 19	Annual Session in Windsor

John Ross Matheson Award

Every year our Committee on Special Awards has a challenging but rewarding task of selecting the finalists for this prestigious award. This award is named after a beloved Scottish Rite Mason who exemplified a commitment of distinguished service to the Fraternity, his community, his country and mankind.

Several revisions to the selection guidelines were approved by the Advisory Council last year.

Nominees must be members of Scottish Rite and cannot be Active members or Past Active members of the Supreme Council. Award presentation will be in the Valley of the recipient in the year after the recipient has been approved by the Supreme Council. In the past, award winners have had to travel to the Supreme Council Session at their own expense in order to accept the reward. The Sovereign Grand Commander will consult with the recipient's Valley to choose a suitable time to award the John Ross Matheson Award before the family and friends of the recipient.

Supreme Council Initiatives

When I was installed as your Sovereign Grand Commander three years ago in Winnipeg, I indicated to you that there were three areas that I believed our attention should be focused: Leadership, Communication and Membership. To that end, I asked our Lt. Grand Commander to review our Leadership Initiatives and our Grand Secretary-General to develop a Communication strategy. I would focus my attention on Membership. I will comment briefly on each area, realizing that more extensive reports have been discussed earlier at these Sessions.

It is my belief that with good Leadership and an effective Communication strategy, Membership recruitment and retention initiatives will be successful. These areas are closely related and as such, we have approached these topics as a team.

Our Leadership Development initiatives these past three years have included the holding of conference calls with our Deputies, the development of a template to guide the Deputies' Annual Reports, the reformatting of the State of the Rite Report to reflect

our initiatives and the conducting of a Deputy's Leadership Conference. The Deputies have also been asked to take a greater role in organizing the Deputy's Workshop at our Annual Session. This year, for the first time, a New HIG Orientation Seminar has been organized. All our recently coroneted Honorary Inspector-Generals will be attending this seminar this afternoon to become better acquainted with their new responsibilities and the resources available to them to support their local Valleys.

For some time the Supreme Council has been concerned that our current practices limit the ability of many jurisdictions to recommend worthy Scottish Rite Masons for designation as an Honorary Inspectors-General. Amendments to the Statutes and Regulations will hopefully allow for the consideration of worthy nominees based upon merit.

Communication has been improved by the establishment of a Communications Advisory Committee under the co-chairmanship of Ill. Bros. Brian Gilkinson and Gareth Taylor. Our website scottishritecanada.ca continues to be a valuable tool as more information is made available in the

Members Only Area

Valley Grand Secretaries are reminded that copies of the Degree Rituals are now available to them on the website. Our annual publication of The Clarion, which is sent to every Scottish Rite member in Canada, has proved an effective tool to encourage donations to our Scottish Rite Foundation and our eight Learning Centres. Communiqué has also proven to be an effective method to distribute timely information about Valley activities and Supreme Council Members, via email.

Membership Video

I am very pleased that a Membership video has been produced and should be available for distribution to all valleys in the near future. The funding for this video will be from the revenue generated from the Candidates' Capital Fund.

Revised Application for Degrees

Revisions to the Petition for Membership have also been proposed for approval.

Membership Jewel

About eighteen months ago, on one of my visits to an Ontario valley, I was asked why there was not a Scottish Rite Membership Jewel that Ontario Scottish Rite Masons could wear in their Craft Lodges. I said I would investigate and soon discovered that the simple answer was that the Grand Lodge Constitution did not currently allow for one. Well, as of this past July, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario now allows the wearing of a Scottish Rite Membership Jewel. This jewel may be worn at Grand Lodge sanctioned events and Scottish Rite activities where regalia is required or is optional. It is hoped that Scottish Rite members will proudly wear this beautiful, unique jewel and will encourage Master Masons in their respective lodges to consider membership in Scottish Rite. Care must be taken by our members in other provinces not to wear the jewel in Craft Lodge meetings without determining if this is permitted under current constitutional provisions. Doing so without constitutional authority would only harm the good relationship Scottish Rite enjoys with all Grand Lodges and the District Grand Lodge in the Canadian family of Freemasonry.

Order of DeMolay

Last year I was very pleased that we were able to award the first three DeMolay Leadership Scholarships to better promote leadership development in Canadian DeMolay chapters. Once again three scholarships will be awarded to DeMolays from Western Canada, Ontario and the Atlantic provinces. I am also pleased that some Valleys are exploring how they may better support DeMolay at the local level.

Fraternal Relations

During my term of office I have had the honor to represent our Supreme Council at meetings of the Supreme Councils of the Southern Jurisdiction and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, the Supreme Council of Mexico and the Supreme Council for France. I also had the opportunity to attend the World Conference of Supreme Councils in Lisbon, Portugal. It is important that our Supreme Council attend on these occasions as our Supreme Council is considered to be one of the senior bodies.

I have also attended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and on an annual basis the All Canada Conference of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of Canada. I believe that direct contact with the Canadian Grand Lodge Officers is beneficial in promoting Scottish Rite Freemasonry and ensuring that excellent fraternal relations are maintained between our Supreme Council and the Grand Lodges of Canada.

I wish to make special mention of a recent initiative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Grand Lodge has approved the use of another ritual to receive, pass and raise candidates for Masonry. Lodges may use ritual based upon the first three degrees of Scottish Rite. I had the opportunity to witness the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree on a candidate in late May. The work was conducted in French and contained many elements that would be familiar to a Scottish Rite Freemason but not usually experienced by a Craft Lodge member. The "Quebec" Ritual is available in English as well as French and I believe that portrayal of these degrees as demonstrations would be of great interest to our members as well as potential members.

In my travels it has become apparent to me that all the Grand Lodges in Canada are experiencing a renewed interest in Freemasonry and that each of them is determined to engage their respective lodges in reviewing how the lodges receive and retain members. Scottish Rite Masons must be active in their respective lodges and Grand Lodge jurisdictions to ensure that Scottish Rite is perceived as a concordant body that enhances a Master Mason's Masonic journey and that membership in Scottish Rite is an asset not only to the individual Mason but also provides support to the Craft lodge.

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation

I attended the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation held this past year and will continue my support of our Foundation and our eight Learning Centres. During my tenure in office, I had the opportunity to visit all eight of our Centres and meet with their respective Directors. The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation is now coming to the close. The Foundation can be justly proud of their accomplishments in that regard: a very informative video, an updating of

the history of the Charitable Foundation and the completion of an outstanding capital fundraising campaign.

Conclusion

It has been a tremendous honour to serve you these past 36 months. Lt. Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry Mclean, 33°, the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and I have spent countless hours on the telephone, the Internet and in personal meetings to determine how we could best serve the needs of Scottish Rite in Canada. The Advisory Council and the Charitable Foundation Board of Directors have provided wise counsel and the Deputies have taken up the challenge of championing our Leadership, Communication and Membership initiatives. The Hamilton Office continues to act as our nerve centre and the staff has provided dedicated service to our organization.

I firmly believe that Scottish Rite Freemasonry can assist Master Masons who wish to further explore Freemasonry to continue their personal journeys of exploration and contemplation on what it means to be a Freemason in today's society. Scottish Rite Freemasonry can provide the highway on which the Master Mason may journey throughout his lifetime.

I close by reiterating what I stated in the closing my Allocution last year: It is incumbent on each of us to continue to strive to promote the value of becoming a member of our Rite.

Thank you my brethren for giving me this extraordinary opportunity to serve you as your 35th Sovereign Grand Commander.

Thank you my brethren,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'R. H. Brown', with a horizontal line underneath.

Richard A. H. Brown, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Friday, September 18, 2015 - 12:00n
The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada

SRCF Minutes of the Directors Meeting

Saturni Room, Caesars Windsor, Windsor, Ontario
(To be approved at the April, 2016 Meeting of the Directors)

Present:	J. G. Finch	R. L. M. Findlater	J. E. Ford
	B. W. Gilkinson	G. L. Greasley	A. B. Loopstra
	T. A. McLean	K. D. McComb	M. L. Munro
	D. S. Skinner	A. J. Stoddart	J. C. Sutherland
	G. R. Taylor	R. S. Whitmore	

G. R. Taylor occupied the Chair, J. E. Ford acted as Secretary.
All directors being present, no notice calling the meeting was required in accordance with By Law No. 1, Article 6.02.

G. R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and announced that there would only be one item of business, the election of a chairman/president and vice-chairman/vice-president for the year 2015/2016.

Elections

G. R. Taylor turned the meeting over to A. B. Loopstra to conduct the elections.

J. C. Sutherland nominated G. R. Taylor for the office of Chairman/President. There being no further nominations, the acting chair declared nominations closed and G. R. Taylor elected Chairman/President for the year 2015/2016.

G. L. Greasley nominated B. W. Gilkinson for the office of Vice-Chairman/Vice-President. There being no further nominations, the acting chair declared nominations closed and B. W. Gilkinson elected Vice-Chairman/Vice-President for the year 2015/2016.

A. B. Loopstra expressed his appreciation to the directors for their support over the past year.

Appointments

The new Chairman/President then assumed the chair and appointed the following officers:

Secretary: J. E. Ford
Treasurer: D. S. Skinner
Executive Director, Learning Centres: M. F. Todd

Committee chairs and members will be appointed by the Chairman/President after consultation with individual directors.

G. R. Taylor welcomed the directors who were new to the Board: J. G. Finch, B. W. Gilkinson, A. Stoddart and R. S. Whitmore and expressed thanks and gratitude to A. B. Loopstra for his leadership of the Foundation during the past year.

He noted that among the issues to be addressed in 2015/2016 are a review of the

Deputies Bursary Program and strategies to strengthen the Valley Liaison Program.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation will be held on April 9, 2016.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet
Friday Evening, September 18, 2015

The Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet was held at the Caesars Windsor, in the Augustus II, III and IV Rooms at 7:00pm with Sovereign Grand Commander Richard A.H. Brown presiding.

III. Bro. Bruce Tait, 32° piped the Head Table and new HIG's into the Ballroom.

Following the toast to the piper by Grand Prior, Michael D. Farr, 33° the blessing was offered.

III. Bro. Rozin Iwanicki, 33°, toasted the Queen and the Craft after singing of the Royal Anthem.

SGC then toasted the Office of Head of State of Jurisdictions Represented.

Following the dinner, the evening unfolded with the following:

Tributes to the Ladies, Host Valley and Visitors

Introduction of the Class of 2015

III. Bro. Deputy Stephen Godfrey

Speaking On Behalf of the Class (See Page 155 for Remarks)

III. Bro. David Robert McAlpine, 33°, Valley of Vancouver

John Ross Matheson Award Remarks

Presentation by the valley of St. John's

III. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°, Chairman, St. John's Host Committee

Remarks by the Chairman, Windsor Host Committee

III. Bro. John C. Revell, 32°, Chairman, Windsor Host Committee

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Closing Prayer

III. Bro. Michael D. H. Farr, 33°, Grand Prior

Piper: III. Bro. Bruce Tait, 32°

Pianist: III. Bro. Matthew Tingle, 32°

Address of Newly Coroneted Honorary Inspectors-General
By Ill. Bro. David McAlpine, 33°

Ill Bro. Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Brethren of the Supreme Council,
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Brethren;

On behalf of the class of 2015, we are profoundly moved by the warm welcome we have received and we thank Ill Bro. Deputy Stephen Godfrey for his kind introduction.

We offer our sincerest thanks to the 'Valley of Windsor', and all members of the various organizing committees that have made this elaborate and extensive event, a wonderful gathering, and most special occasion, providing opportunities for new friendships to be formed, and old friendships to be re-kindled.

This is that special brand of fraternal experience where joy and goodwill are guests, and brings life to the words of John Lennon:

"Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears."

Speaking of friends and smiles, how great the love and friendship of our ladies who have supported our Masonic journey through the many experiences that have led us to this place. And the 'Mystic Tie' that binds together the Brethren who are with us here this day and still those Brethren who laboured among us, whose book of life here is closed.

With respect to the conferral of the 33rd Degree:

The Degree conferral team were 'brilliant' and are to be well congratulated for their fine work in presenting a wonderful and spectacular allegory that has conveyed a message we will all be able 'to reflect upon and contemplate', for years to come.

Winston Churchill said that *"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off, as if nothing ever happened."*

Well the ritual of the 33rd degree pierced a veil in 'the truth' for the benefit of the class of 2015 and we are humbled by the experience!

I am reminded of a publication from 1925, in which the Canon of Westminster Abbey stated that 'Seven Cardinal Crimes' of modern society were:

Wealth - without work.	Pleasure - without conscience
Knowledge - without character	Commerce - without morality
Science - without humanity	Worship - without sacrifice
Politics - without principle	

Well Freemasonry has always been the enemy of such moral crimes and this is nowhere, more true, nowhere more evident, than as woven throughout the genius, the rituals and teachings of the 'Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite'.

"The desire to do something that shall benefit the world, is the noblest ambition attained by man" — Ritual of the S.R. 19th Degree

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” — Anne Frank

The class of 2015 is humbly aware that it is a rare privilege for a man to be so ‘raised up’ by his fellows, as to be made an Honorary Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree and for this we owe a debt of thanks for the trust bestowed in us by the Ill. Brethren in our respective valleys who proposed us for such consideration and to those members of Supreme Council who voted for each of us here to become part of the Order at this Leadership Level.

The class of 2015 enthusiastically embraces the challenges that lie before us. We pledge to be good ambassadors for the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite and become worthy of the honour and the trust you have bestowed upon us.

► **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** ◀

Executive Session 3
Saturday, September 19, 2015 ~ 8:30am
Augustus I Room, Caesars Windsor

The Sovereign Grand Commander declared the labours of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada resumed at 8:30am.

Crowning of New Active Members

The Ceremony of the Crowning of the new Active Members was conducted by Ill. Bro. Donald D. Thornton, 33°.

Ill. Bro. William Anthony Davis, 33°, Valley of Thunder Bay
Ill. Bro. Jeffrey Ralph Dickson, 33°, Valley of Guelph
Ill. Bro. John Edward Harrison, 33°, Valley of Barrie
Ill. Bro. Karl Edmond Springer, 33°, Valley of Vernon

were crowned according to ancient custom as an Active Member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° and Terry A. McLean, 33° that all the reports received and as amended be approved and included in the Proceedings for Supreme Council. The reports will include the Deputies Reports.
CARRIED

The Executive Session was closed and the Sovereign Grand Commander invited the Honorary Inspectors-General to enter.

General Session
Saturday, September 19, 2015 ~ 9:00am
Augustus I Room, Caesars Windsor

SGC: Brethren, good morning to all of you. I hope you had an opportunity to socialize last night and that those of you who are going to be leaving during the day, certainly if you are in here and you've got to rush out to catch a plane or whatever, please feel free to discreetly leave when you need to. But I'm very pleased that so many of you have been able to join us this morning. You will notice that the Volume of the Sacred Law is open and so we are back in Supreme Council Session. During your absence this morning we crowned four new Active Members of our Supreme Council and I would like to introduce them to you and ask them to stand.

The Sovereign Grand Commander introduced the new Active Members.

Ill. Bro. Tom Lewis, 33° reported on the 2016 Budget as presented and published in the Preliminary Report submitted and approved at the Executive Session earlier this week.

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bro. Tom Lewis, 33°, Grand Treasurer-General and Duncan S. Skinner, 33° that the Budget for fiscal 2016 be approved.
CARRIED

SGC: Brethren, I would be remiss before I continue on, it has been our tradition and it was not my intention to break that tradition, but we would like our John Ross Matheson Award winners to join us in the East for the rest of our ceremonies, if they are here. I believe that we have registered – and I just don't know if they're here this morning – Ill. Bro. Kenneth Veitch and Ill. Bro. George Benton. Are those Brethren with us this morning? And from last night, Ill. Bro. Gordon Curl. If you Brethren would like to join us in the East, it would be most appreciated.

I don't believe there are any other past recipients here. If there are, I apologize for missing your name, but we certainly would like to have you come up, as well. Thank you so much for being here. Thank you, Brethren.

Ill. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore, 33° presented Part II and III of the Report from Jurisprudence and Legislation.

- PART II -

As directed by motion yesterday and pursuant to Article 22 of our Statutes and Regulations, your committee has reviewed the Allocution presented by our Sovereign Grand Commander to this 141st Annual Session of Supreme Council organized and hosted by the Valley of Windsor, Ontario as he completes the final year of his triennium term. We congratulate him and give thanks to our Sovereign Grand Commander for his thorough, informative, and entertaining address and we are grateful to him for this.

He has told us that this is the sixth time that our Annual Session has been held in Windsor. As in those past occasions, this year's organization has been first class. His comments regarding the history of the Windsor Valley are very interesting and we join with him in congratulating this Valley for a job very well done indeed.

His moving and respectful comments and memories of those dear brethren and loved ones no longer with us but whose lives with us are remembered and celebrated are much appreciated. There is not one among us who has not been touched and inspired by at least one of these fine leaders in Scottish Rite masonry and they will be missed by all of us. Our task is to live up to and emulate the fine examples that they have set. Once again the thoughtful and respectful Memorial Service led by our Grand Prior along with it moving music remind all of us to pause and give thanks for the rich friendships and bonds that we have had and continue to have throughout our great Masonic brotherhood.

We share in the pride expressed by our Sovereign Grand Commander for those brethren selected to receive the John Ross Matheson award. In addition we approve of all of the appointments made and outlined in his Allocution.

In his Allocution, our Sovereign Grand Commander extends his praise and thanks to those two brethren who have moved to Past Active Rank and to an Officer of our Supreme Council who is not continuing in office at the conclusion of this triennium. Each of these men has made an outstanding contribution to our Scottish Rite and we join in congratulating them and wishing them many more years as they continue among us.

The various dispensations and rulings made during the year by our Sovereign Grand Commander all meet with our approval and once again demonstrate the leadership, resolve, and open mind brought to the tasks by our Sovereign Grand Commander in leading our great fraternity with imagination, compassion, and skill.

His Allocution describes many of the initiatives instigated during his term or continued under his leadership. His consistent focus on Leadership, Communication, and Membership throughout his term has ensured a steady improvement in our Scottish Rite masonry and will continue to inspire our leaders in the years to come. Our website, the new HIG Orientation Seminar, the video being produced and which we previewed yesterday, amendments to our Statutes and Regulations, the establishment of a new Scottish Rite Membership Jewel, continuation of the DeMolay Leadership Scholarships are but examples of his putting into practice what often is merely talked about.

This has been an outstanding year for our Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation as it celebrates its 50th anniversary with a very successful campaign and rejoices in the continued success of our eight Learning Centres. Such accomplishments cannot happen without strong leadership and committed members and we congratulate our Sovereign Grand Commander, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and its Directors, and each and every member of our Scottish Rite for their exceptional success in make our Foundation the strong and vibrant force enabled to do so much good in our many communities.

A constant ambassador for our Scottish Rite, the Sovereign Grand Commander has included a description of many of the events he has attended and his travels during this past year. It is indeed a blessing for all of us that our Sovereign Grand Commander has consistently made the commitment to spread the Scottish Rite word in such an energetic and visible manner.

This now completes the three year term for our Sovereign Grand Commander. In his Allocution at the conclusion of his first year, he said, "One down and two to go". What a wonderful three years it has been. While you may be officially leaving office, you are in no way leaving us and we all look forward to and count on many, many more years of your leadership, your talents, your good and common sense, and most of all your friendship. To you, Sovereign Grand Commander, we say our thanks and express our gratitude. We know that you have enjoyed being our Sovereign Grand Commander and indeed that enjoyment exhibited by you has played a huge part in the success that you have brought to everything that you have done. It has been a joy for us all to look to you as our Sovereign Grand Commander. Congratulations, Ill. Bro. Richard A. H. Brown, 33°.

- PART III -

The following motion to amend the Statutes and Regulations so as to include the following as Regulation 1.1 (a) of the Regulations, was submitted in writing at the Annual Session of Supreme Council:

- 1.1 (a) The symbol of the Scottish Rite as described in Regulation 1.1 shall form part of the Membership Jewel of the Scottish Rite, when suspended from a royal purple ribbon which in turn is suspended from a gold enameled bar

bearing the letters "A.A.S.R." in black. The dimensions of the ribbon are 4 cm. x 2.5 cm. and those of the eagle are 3.8 cm. x 2.4 cm, resulting in an overall size, with the bar, of 9 cm. x 3 cm. All members of the Scottish Rite having attained conferral of the fourth degree re entitled to wear the jewel as evidence of their membership in the Scottish Rite.

Pursuant to Article 47.1(b) the Active members of Supreme Council present consented unanimously to this amendment being proposed. The Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation then reported favourably on this proposed amendment and it then was passed by a unanimous favourable vote of the Active Members present.

Your Committee thanks the Grand Secretary-General, Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°, Executive Secretary, the late Kenneth R. Rutherford, 33°, and all members of the staff of this Supreme Council for their assistance and advice to the Committee throughout the year. We join with all in expressing our sorrow at the untimely passing of Ill. Brother Ken Rutherford. He was such a help to us as we processed by-law amendments, dealt with various questions put to our Committee and generally enjoyed that warm and friendly relationship that was his trademark. We shall miss him greatly.

As Chairman, I also extend my sincere personal thanks to the members of this Committee as listed below for their collective advice, input, wisdom and experience with respect to the work of your Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Robert S. Whitmore, Chairman
John V. Lawer, Vice Chairman
Richard A. H. Brown
Robert G. Wands
Ray T. Bryant

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bro. Robert Whitmore, 33° and Matt Todd, 33° that Part II of the report be received and accepted. CARRIED

SGC: Thank you so much, Ill. Bro. Whitmore. Very kind remarks. Brethren, you may assume from what's going to happen in the next couple of minutes that maybe I'm trying to hold on a bit longer than necessary, but I don't think so. First of all, I am reminded that, again, there are amongst us many, many dedicated Masons. As Ill. Bro. Whitmore was speaking, I was looking around the room, particularly at the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, Active and Past, and thinking about the occasions that they have greeted me and hosted me on my travels on your behalf these last three years.

I said it in Executive Session that one of the things that I found truly rewarding to me – I was going to say beneficial, but beneficial is not really the right word - but there is a real opportunity in this position to really get to know the members of the Supreme Council just a little more intimately than you can when you meet once or twice a year over the course of time. To see them operating in their own Valleys and with others that highly respect them and take the time to come up to me and say, you know, so-and-so, he's doing a really good job, or we're really proud of so-and-so. So I am very pleased to have had that privilege of working with you and being with you on those occasions.

I would like to give our two retiring Active Members an opportunity, if they wish, to address the Brethren, so I'm going to ask Ill. Bro. Marvin Munro if he would care to make a comment or two on his becoming a Past-Active Member.

Ill. Bro. Munro: Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, honoured guests, members of Supreme Council, forty-nine years ago this month I joined Scottish Rite. I met many extraordinary men. Thirty-three years ago I was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Fredericton. Walter Mortlock was the Sovereign Grand Commander. I met more extraordinary men. Ten years ago I was crowned an Active Member. Orlan Weber was the Sovereign Grand Commander. It's been a journey filled with many memories of more extraordinary men, opportunities and challenges. It's a journey that I have never regretted for one minute of my life. So it is with some trepidation I take this other step in a remarkable journey, but I am eternally grateful for the opportunities I've had and as I said yesterday, the greatest gift we can bestow on others is a good example. Thank you very much.

SGC: Thank you, Marvin. And now your twin brother, the other Marvin, Marvin Salmi, Valley of Thunder Bay. Marvin, if you would care to make a few comments.

Ill. Bro. Salmi: Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master, Members of Supreme Council, Peers and Brethren, it has been a great honour to act as Deputy for this great organization. There's not many places you find more dedicated people than this organization. The Valleys I have visited, I want to thank them for the hospitality. It's been great. I met so many friends. That's what I'm going to miss, is speaking to all these boys that I got to know. Anyway, I just want to wish my successor a good journey and thank you very much.

SGC: Thank you, Marvin. I wish you well. Well, Brethren, this is totally unscripted. Nobody knows I'm doing this except myself, so I am going to ask if Ill. Bros. McLean, Loopstra and Gilkinson would meet me at the altar.

Brethren, I've said on many occasions that I believe that the leadership of this organization is a team event and that I have indicated on other occasions how much I have valued the working relationship that I have had with these gentlemen.

Terry, as the Lieutenant Grand Commander, and your background with the Office before that, have been an invaluable resource to me personally, and obviously the Office, as well.

Brian, the lawyer in you comes out every once in a while, which is good to know, and you are renowned for your meticulous notes and the tremendous letter writer that you are. The three of us particularly spent many hours on the phone on conference calls, getting ready for different events.

Allard, your work on the advisory level to me has always been very, very useful. I think every once in a while you kind of make us take note of what is going on or not going on, and challenge us. In particular, your work with the Foundation and particularly this last year coming back as the President and seeing through the vision of Ill. Bro. Townshend and the making of the 50th Anniversary.

All three of you, I am very, very appreciative of your help. These are a wonderful resource for Scottish Rite Freemasonry in general, but particularly in the Province of Ontario it bodes well for the Organization. So I have taken it upon myself, if you would be willing to allow me, to provide each of you with the Scottish Rite Jewel. I am sure that you will find occasion in your travels within your own province to wear these and I know that you will be and continue to be great ambassadors for Scottish Rite in this province in particular.

So Allard, if you would permit me. Thank you so much for your help, particularly these last three years, and I look forward to continue to work with you.

III. Bro. Loopstra: Thank you, Sovereign Grand

SGC: Terry, it has always been a pleasure working with you. Terry and I, we do actually think alike on some things because we are old – we would call it personnel managers. Of course, they don't call it that anymore. We're human relations people, and so we think alike on a few topics and that's always gratifying. Thanks so much.

III. Bro. McLean: Thank you, Sovereign Grand.

SGC: And Brian, I don't think people realize the amount of personal time you've taken as Grand Secretary-General, getting on that highway quite frequently and usually I call the office and I'll say, 'Is Brian in Hamilton or is he at home', because you can't tell from emails, a lot of times. And more often than not, you're in Hamilton. So I congratulate you and, again, thank you.

So Brethren, thank you so much and it has been, as I say, a pleasure to work with you and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you. Brethren, please join me in showing appreciation for these wonderful ambassadors for Scottish Rite.

SGC: Well, unless, I'm told otherwise, I think I'm done. This kid is going to sit down and let somebody else take over. Oh, yes, look at that. Thank you.

SGC called upon the President of the SRCF, III. Bro. Allard B. Loopstra, 33° to share some thoughts on the Foundation.

III. Bro. Loopstra: Sovereign Grand Commander, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Peers and Brethren, in the year 2014 - 2015 the Board of Directors met twice during these Sessions. There was a full Board meeting on Tuesday and then on Wednesday we had what we call our members' meeting, which includes all the Actives, where we report back to Supreme Council on our deliberations. And, of course, we held the banquet, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation banquet last Thursday evening and, as planned, we kept it to two hours, and I hope that that was within your liking.

All outstanding business of the Foundation was dealt with, but certainly the highlight of our endeavours in the last year was certainly our 50th Anniversary, with the two main objectives that we had, and that was the raising of the one million dollar capital endowment fund and, of course, the publishing of our history of the last thirty years. So that will be Volume II. Both of these objectives were met and as was announced last Thursday evening, we raised \$1,595,000 but since that time cheques keep coming in and though we have not recalculated, I can assure you that the amount will be well over

1.6 million dollars. I just think this is remarkable and I almost hate to tell you that this official campaign is coming to a close. Maybe we should continue it.

Our History Volume 2 is now being printed and will be available in November. We thank Ill. Bro. Garry Dowling in authoring this book, which required a great amount of research and, of course, talent, to complete it.

Ill. Bro. Skip Whiteley, we are indebted to you and thank you for running a very, very successful campaign. What I forgot to mention at the banquet, that raising 1.6 million dollars for a capital endowment fund does not include what the individual Learning Centres need to do on an annual basis. The budget for the eight Learning Centres that we have across Canada is approximately \$750,000 per year, so when you really look at it, this Masonic community in this last year raised about 2.3 million dollars. I think that is just absolutely outstanding and I am sure that our late Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend is looking down on us with a great smile on his face. Thank you, Brethren.

As per our by-laws, the five Board Directors were retiring this year from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Board and they are: Ill. Bro. Harold Crosby, Ill. Bro. James Ross, who could not be with us because of illness, Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, the late Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend and myself. At our members' meeting, the following were elected to take their place on this thirteen person Board: Ill. Bros. James Finch, Brian Gilkinson, Alan Stoddard, Gareth Taylor, and Robert Whitmore. At the first meeting of the new Board, which was held yesterday, Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor was elected President and Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson as Vice-President.

I now turn the mic over to the new President of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor. I wish you well.

Ill. Bro. Taylor: Thank you. Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, distinguished visitors, Peers and Brethren, I will keep this very short because Allard covered quite a bit of what I was going to say. I'm very privileged and honoured to have been elected the President, and look forward to working with the members of the Board to continue the work of the Foundation.

What Allard didn't say in his message and I think what we all owe is a great deal of thanks to Allard. He joined the Board in 2005, has served as a Director since then, Vice-President. He was the President for the Foundation, stepped down as President, but remained on the Board, and then with the unfortunate passing of C. Robert Townshend, Allard stepped back in. It is due in great part to his guidance and leadership I believe the Foundation has made great strides over the last ten years and particularly in far out-achieving our capital fund raising program the last year. Allard you've been a great friend, mentor and I have some very big shoes to fill as the President of the Foundation. Congratulations.

And with that, Sovereign Grand Commander, I was going to indicate the new Board members, that's been covered. I will let the ceremonies continue. Thank you.

SRCF President's Report

As printed in the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Annual Report

Though I was honoured to have been your Foundation's President again for the 2014-2015 year, I was saddened by the circumstances surrounding my election. In March of this year, our Past President and Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend 33°, passed away after illness prevented him from serving his last year of his three year term as President. We owe him a great amount of thanks for his leadership, inspiration, and commitment to our Foundation and our Fraternity,

2014-2015 was our 50th Anniversary year. The program that was laid out by our Past President was carried out with resounding success. It all started at our Supreme Council Sessions in September 2014 in Halifax with an excellent 50th Anniversary Banquet, the announcement of our \$1 million dollar capital endowment fund campaign, and the arrangement to have the history of the Foundation updated to include the last 30 years in Volume II

I am pleased to report, that our campaign was extremely successful and that our goal was exceeded. Final Campaign results will be announced at our Banquet in Windsor. The response we received from our membership and supporters was truly remarkable. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank all donors and all Valleys who organized fund raising activities. Your donations to this capital endowment campaign, whether to the SRCF or to a specific Learning Centre, will leave an ongoing legacy in helping "Solve Puzzles of the Mind". We also thank Ill. Bro. Sydney (Skip) R. Whiteley, 33°, for chairing our fund raising committee. The \$1 million goal was divided into separate targets for each Valley. The targets were established by taking into account the number of Lodge of Perfection members. At the time of writing, the following Valleys reached or exceeded their targets:

Kamloops	Saskatoon	London
Vancouver	Barrie	Windsor
Edmonton	Guelph	Halifax
Medicine Hat	Hamilton	St. John's
Regina	Kingston	

Special thanks and congratulations to these Valleys for their outstanding performance.

I am also delighted with the completion of the writing of our History Volume II. This was the result of the talent and hard work by its author, Ill. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, 33°. On behalf of all the Scottish Rite Brethren in Canada we thank him for his great contribution to our Foundation. Arrangements are underway to have this printed in book form.

The 2015-2016 Board of Directors will see several changes. Replacements will be elected for Ill. Bros. Richard A. H. Brown, Harold E. Crosby, Allard B. Loopstra, James S. Ross and C. Robert Townshend. We thank all these Directors for their many years of service and dedication. A special thanks to Ill. Bro. Harold E. Crosby, 33°, who joined the Board again as Vice President for a one year period to allow an orderly transition of Directors. Ill. Bro. Crosby has served our Foundation in several capacities for many years and we thank him for his support, leadership and outstanding service, not only to

our Foundation, but also to Supreme Council, Valley of Halifax, Halifax Learning Centre, and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

During my term I attended the official opening of the Bracebridge Satellite Learning Centre that operates under the direction and control of the Barrie Valley. In May 2015 I attended the annual Learning Centre Conference for Learning Centre Directors and Board Chairs, which was arranged by our Executive Director, Ill. Bro. Matthew F. Todd. I also attended several graduations of children and certification of tutors, several presentations of grants and awards and numerous special events to raise money for our Campaign. These events are living proof that our efforts and support of the SRCF and its Learning Centres are all so worthwhile. It makes me proud to be a Scottish Rite member and to witness how we are making a difference.

The joint publication of the “Clarion” by the SRCF and Supreme Council was sent to all Scottish Rite members in Canada in December 2014. This issue was dedicated to our 50th Anniversary. The work of our Editor in Chief, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, and his Editorial Board are to be commended for another outstanding issue. We welcome our new Editor in Chief Ill. Bro. Kenneth McComb, 33°, and wish him well and ongoing success as he takes over from Terry.

My role as President was made so enjoyable and easy by the dedicated and talented Directors, Officers, Committee Chairmen, Executive Director Learning Centres, Learning Centre Directors, Valley Representatives, Learning Centre Tutors and Volunteers, and Supreme Council office staff. Thank you for your support and commitment to the great charitable causes that we support.

To all my fellow Scottish Rite members, thank you for your ongoing financial support. You can be proud of the achievements of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada and the eight Learning Centres across Canada.

SGC: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Taylor. Brethren, before we proceed with the ceremony of the installation of the Officers, I just want to personally say how nice it was to have our visitors from Scotland and Germany. It is indeed a pleasure that you could find time in your schedules to visit with us. I know you have had an opportunity to speak to many of the Brethren and I thank you so much for joining us on this particular occasion.

Our friends from the United States, the Northern Jurisdiction and the Southern Jurisdiction, each came up to me last night and indicated that their travel arrangements precluded them being available to be with us this morning and we are all so very pleased that they find time – you think our schedules are busy, you should see theirs, so it’s very nice that they are able to join us. So with that, again, unless somebody else has something to remind me of that I’ve forgotten, I’m going to ask Ill. Bro. Harold Crosby to lead us into the Installation Ceremony for the new Triennium.

Installation Ceremony

The Installation Ceremony was conducted by Ill. Bro. Harold Crosby 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander who enlisted the assistance of four of our Past-Active Members. Ill. Bro. Richard Quinton, as Grand Captain of the Guard, Ill. Bro. Sam Kalinowsky, as Grand Master of Ceremonies, Ill. Bro. Marvin Munro, as Grand Prior and Ill. Bro. Maurice Hrycyk, as Grand Marshall.

- Sovereign Grand Commander - Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°
- Lieutenant Grand Commander - Ill. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore, 33°
- Grand Chancellor - Ill. Bro. Allard B. Loopstra, 33°
- Deputy for Alberta and Northwest Territories - Ill. Bro. Loren W. Kline, 33°
- Deputy for British Columbia & Yukon Territory - Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey, 33°
- Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory – Ill. Bro. Gordon L. Greasley, 33°
- Deputy for New Brunswick – Ill. Bro. Chesley R. Piercey, 33°
- Deputy for Nova Scotia, PEI, NFLD & Labrador – Ill. Bro. James G. Finch, 33°
- Deputies for Ontario – Ill. Bros. David A. Bennett, 33°, Victor Lepp, 33° and Gareth R. Taylor, 33°
- Deputy for Quebec – Ill. Bro. Jean Reed, 33°
- Deputy for Saskatchewan – Ill. Bro. William Fitzsimmons, 33°
- Grand Secretary-General – Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°
- Grand Treasurer-General – Ill. Bro. Thomas E. Lewis, 33°
- Grand Prior – Ill. Bro. Michael D.H. Farr, 33°
- Grand Master of Ceremonies – Ill. Bro. Kenneth D. McComb, 33°
- Grand Marshall – Ill. Bro. Robert D. Brethour, 33°
- Grand Standard Bearer – Ill. Bro. John W. Trousdale, 33°
- Grand Captain of the Guard – Ill. Bro. W. Douglas Keam, 33°
- Grand Sword Bearer – Ill. Bro. William A. Atkinson, 33°

The Newly Installed Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33° was called to say a few remarks.

SGC McLean: Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Members of the Supreme Council, I was mentioning this morning to the now Immediate Past Sovereign Commander what a difference a day makes in one's life. As a matter of fact, I think I woke up at four o'clock this morning thinking about what this day will make.

Renowned explorer and legendary leader Ernest Shackleton, it is said that many of his 27 man crew that sailed with him on Endurance responded to a recruitment notice in the newspaper. It set a very high bar, promising hardship, warning of danger and offering only honour as a reward. The ad read: Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, a safe return doubtful, honoured recognition in case of success. In the end, they made history.

It will be an incredible honour and privilege to represent Supreme Council of Canada for the next Triennium as your Sovereign Grand Commander. You have put your

confidence in me and the Supreme Council Officers to focus on things that are important to you, your Valleys, Scottish Rite and Supreme Council, and perhaps together we might just make a little history.

Many thanks and appreciations are in order. Firstly, to Ill. Bro. Harold Crosby, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander and his installing team for a job well done. The participants on the installing team have had, in their own way, a significant impact on my Scottish Rite experience and I thank them for that. Also, a very special thank you to you, Harold, for taking on the assignment due to the passing of Ill. Bro. Townshend, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander. I am very honoured and privileged to have been invested with Ill. Bro. Townshend's Collar and Jewel. In the words of Mrs. Pat Townshend, 'I am sure you will be getting instructions from time to time, from afar'.

To Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, I thank you for your leadership and guidance over the past three years. Your approach to teamwork, consultation and sharing of ideas has shown improvement for the betterment of the Rite. I will continue with the initiatives you put in place in leadership, communication and membership, and I will add a fourth: education and enlightenment. It became very evident from a Valley-driven membership survey that Scottish Rite Education was lacking to nonexistent in many Valleys, and there exists a real demand and need from the membership for it. As a result, I assigned this initiative to Ill. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33°, Grand Marshall from the Valley of Barrie, to chair. Ill. Bro. Rob Whitmore, Lieutenant Grand Commander, will spearhead leadership. Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson will continue with Communication and I will champion membership.

To the new Officers of Supreme Council and Committee Chairmen, congratulations. I look forward to working with you all. To our distinguished guests on the dais, thank you for your attendance at our Session. Your presence is very special to us. To the newly Coroneted Honorary Inspectors-General, the class of 2015, congratulations and we look forward to your attendance, ideas and contributions to your Valleys and Supreme Council.

To the Valley of Windsor, congratulations on a well-planned Session. Having organized many events like this one, I appreciate the hard work done by the organizing committee. Gordie Howe, an NHL Hall of Famer, says: 'In the game you give it all you have and then some'. It's the 'then some' that counts and, Valley of Windsor, I thank you for giving us the then some.

The Beatles wrote a song entitled, 'I Get by with a Little Help from My Friends'. I liken that song to how I stand before you today. We don't take this journey alone. In my Craft and Scottish Rite career I have had great coaches and mentors along the way. What I saw in them was good, and what they saw in me – well, I'm not too sure.

I will mention them in groups: The Brethren of Sunnylea Lodge Number 664 in Etobicoke, and especially my sponsors the late Brother Wib Chalmers and Walter Boyce. The Brethren of the Valley of Toronto, and especially the late Ill. Bro. G. Harvey Weston, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Richard Quinton, 33°, who is with us today. The Brethren of the Barrie Consistory, and especially the late Ill. Bro. Donald N. Campbell, 33°, Past Grand Secretary-General and Deputy for Ontario. And Ill. Bro. Peter Atsidakos, 33°,

who provided an opening in the Officer line for me to become Commander-in-Chief, and for his knowledge and love of Scottish Rite.

And the Brethren of Supreme Council, and especially the late Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend. With the most recent loss of our CEO Executive Secretary, Brother and co-worker, Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, an emptiness has been felt in the office. I wanted to thank most gratefully the significant extra effort put forward by Ms. Leslie Drake, Mrs. Lucy Berthoud, Ill. Bro. Warren Page, and our Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson for filling a huge void. We'll all miss Ken very much.

I am a strong supporter of Scottish Rite supporting their Craft Lodges. I also had the opportunity to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Province of Ontario for fifteen years, and served under several Grand Masters who were not only leaders in the Craft, they also are here with us at this Session showing leadership in Scottish Rite. Ill. Bro. Donald Mumby, 33°, Ill. Bro. Gary Atkinson, 33°, Ill. Bro. Allan Petrisor, 33°, our soloist for the Session, Ill. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, 33°, the writer of our Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation History 50th Anniversary, and Ill. Bro. John Green, 33°, my Grand Master, I thank you for your presence and support of Scottish Rite.

Most of my working career has been in human resources so my business was dealing with people. In my opinion, leadership is all about the people. It's an everyday thing, it's all about the people, the Scottish Rite family. As members of Supreme Council, we need to listen to the members. The Valley-driven membership survey will give us a good foundation to build on. For those who know me, I love a plan, whether it's daily, monthly, yearly or beyond, a plan sets direction and a path to get there. It's a mechanism for getting from where you are to where you want to be and measuring that progress. Working with the members of Supreme Council we will have sharp eyes for process improvement in all our operations for the benefit of the Rite.

I strongly believe that working together if we practise the four L's: Listen, Learn, Lead and Laugh, Scottish Rite will be successful today and tomorrow. We need to be active and engaged, we need to be sharp in our focus on the fraternal aspect of our Fraternity, promoting fellowship, taking care of each other and remembering the widow and the orphan.

As we conclude this 141st Annual Session, I would like each of you to take these five words back to your Valley: "How Can I Help You". The words are few, however, very powerful. Try it and see what happens.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you. Bonnie and I look forward to visiting your Valleys and conversing with our Scottish Rite family. In closing, Eleanor Roosevelt had a wonderful quote: "If you want shorter days, you should have shorter speeches". Thank you.

Well, I have one announcement to make to keep me out of trouble, in my travels across Canada I have appointed an Assistant to the Sovereign Grand Commander, and that is Ill. Bro. Alan Stoddart, 33°, and if Al is with us could you please stand up? Thank you, Alan. Illustrious Grand Secretary-General, do you have a presentation for me?

III. Bro. Gilkinson: Yes, I do. Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC McLean: Thank you. Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, it gives me a great deal of pleasure, it's an honour to present you with your Certificate for having faithfully, zealously and with total devotion served the Rite in the highest office as Sovereign Grand Commander from 2012 to 2015. But you have put in many more years to deserve this and what you have done for Scottish Rite and Supreme Council is outstanding. Congratulations.

PSGC Brown: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC McLean: Grand Secretary-General, do you have any announcements?

III. Bro. Gilkinson: Yes, Sovereign Grand Commander. It gives me great pleasure to express the appreciation and thanks of Supreme Council, members present and indeed every member of the Scottish Rite for the wise and professional counsel that our Lieutenant Grand Commander has provided us in his position as Chairman of Jurisprudence and Legislation. I thank you very much, Lieutenant Grand Commander, on behalf of everyone here.

SGC McLean: Any other further announcement?

III. Bro. Gilkinson: Sovereign Grand Commander, if I can proceed with general announcements for the balance of this particular date, I would indicate that the future sessions' lunch for chairs and ladies of future sessions is apparently scheduled for twelve noon. We would like to accelerate that, if possible, to accommodate the commencement of the Valley event this evening. For those attending the Valley event, you may wish to consider getting there by cab. It's apparently going to be quite entertaining and that kind of entertainment often affects one's ability to operate a motor vehicle, so please be cautious, Brethren. Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, I believe those are the general announcements, unless you're going to remind me of something.

SGC McLean: Okay, Illustrious Grand Secretary-General, after we close the Supreme Council I would ask that the newly invested and installed Officers get up here to the East to have a photo, and Ill. Bro. Bill Davis will conduct that photo.

III. Bro. Gilkinson: I'm sorry, Sovereign Grand Commander, if I can just indicate, I would like to see the newly-invested Actives and the Officers at my table to receive a small token of appreciation that they can take home with them.

SGC McLean: Ill. Bro. Bill Atkinson, would you like to make some comments with regards to the Valley Event?

III. Bro. Atkinson: Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Peers and Brethren, on behalf of the Brethren of the Valley of Windsor we want to express what an honour it was to host these Sessions this week. It was three years of a lot of hard work and we really want to express our appreciation to all the volunteers that we had who, a lot of them were not even Scottish Rite Masons that assisted us. And we're going to wrap up this afternoon with the party at the Windsor Masonic Temple. Directions for those of you who are driving, when you go out of the valet, then you go right over to Ouelette Avenue, which is two blocks over; turn left and go down to Erie

Street. I think it's about four or five stoplights, it's not very far. The Windsor Masonic Temple is a big three-story building right on the corner of Ouelette and Erie. If you turn left there and go down to the first road, which is Goyeau, which is a very short block, and you turn left, we have a parking lot that we've prepared for you for free parking. There should be signage out there so that you will be able to locate it, and then if you wish, you can come right in to the back of the Temple. There are doors at the back where you go down about four steps where you will be right into the ballroom where everything is happening. If you need assistance with an elevator, if you come around to the front of the Temple through the sidewalks, we will have people operating the elevator there for you to come down.

It's a casual event, it starts at one o'clock. There will be hors d'oeuvres served at one. We will have a buffet served at two and it will go 'til we're finished. We have a band and some entertainment, some dancers, and we look forward to relaxing and enjoying the time with you and finishing up these Sessions. We thank everyone for coming here, for all the congratulations you have given us on hosting this. It's well appreciated and we thank you.

SGC McLean: Thank you, Ill. Bro. Atkinson. If there are no further announcements, then I will proceed to close the Supreme Council. Brethren, our deliberations, transactions and celebrations of this 141st Annual Session of Supreme Council are about to be concluded. It only remains for us to renew our pledges to the Order and our commitment to its mission among men, to be ever mindful of our duties towards our Brethren and to strengthen our resolve to impart the inspiration and invigoration of this Session in all our Valleys from sea to sea. At this time I would ask the General Chairman of Windsor and St. John's Organizing Committees to please approach the lectern.

Ill. Bro. Atkinson: The Travelling Gavel of this Supreme Council is being used to conduct the affairs of the Sessions. I now present you with the Travelling Box and charge you to obtain the gavel from the Sovereign Grand Commander after the close of this Session, deliver it to St. John's, Newfoundland and make it available to call the Brethren to order in September of 2016.

Ill. Bro. Devereaux: It shall be done.

The Sovereign Grand Commander called upon the Lieutenant Grand Commander for his acknowledgement from Supreme Council.

Appreciation

The Lieutenant Grand Commander expressed his thanks to the Host Valley of Windsor for all those who had a part in the Annual Session in Windsor, Ontario. He noted:

Organist

III. Bro. James Cakebread, 33°

Soloist

III. Bro. Allan Petrisor, 33°

Piper

III. Bro. Bruce Tait, 32°

Stage Crew

III. Bros. John R. (Jack) Hanna, 33°, Chairman of Staging

III. Bro. Robert Ross, 33°

III. Bro. Paul Fenton, 33°

Sound

III. Bro. John A. Scott, 33°, Director of Sound

III. Bro. Warren Page, 33°

III. Bro. Brad Vail, 33°

33° Director

III. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33° and his assistant, III. Bro. Jeff Dickson, 33°

Escorts (Opening of Supreme Council)

III. Bro. James Laughton, 33°

III. Bro. William Chamney, 33°

III. Bro. David Kerr, 33°

III. Bro. Randy MacNevin, 33°.

Tylers

III. Bro. Terry Maynard, 33°

III. Bro. Robert Bye, 33°

III. Bro. Lynford Tapp, 33°

III. Bro. Brian Case, 33°

III. Bro. Dennis Atkinson, 33°

Assistant to C.O.O. & Executive Secretary, III. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°

III. Bro. Jack Hanna, 33°.

Photographer

III. Bro. Bill Davis, 33°

The 141st Annual Session of Supreme Council was closed in full and ample form. The Chain of Union was formed on the level in a circle and concluded with the singing of our National Anthem.

Listing of Active Members of Supreme Council in attendance:

Alan Arbuckle	William Atkinson	David Bennett	Robert Brethour
Richard Brown	Harold Crosby	Michael Farr	James Finch
William Fitzsimmons	Brian Gilkinson	Stephen Godfrey	Miles Graham
Gordon Greasley	Allan Hadley	David Hooper	W. Douglas Keam
Loren Kline	Victor Lepp	Thomas Lewis	Allard Loopstra
Kenneth McComb	Terry McLean	Marvin Munro	Chesley Piercey
Jean Reed	Marvin Salmi	Duncan Skinner	James Sutherland
Gareth Taylor	Matthew Todd	John Trousdale	Michael Ward
Robert Whitmore			

Listing of Past Active Members of Supreme Council in attendance:

George Cooper	Carl Fairthorne	Maurice Hyrcyk	Rozin Iwanicki
Sam Kalinowsky	Richard Quinton	Edward Standish	Donald D. Thornton
Skip Whiteley			

Listing of Distinguished Guests and Concordant Bodies in attendance:

Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario	John Green	Grand Master
Southern Jurisdiction, USA	Ronald A. Seale	Sovereign Grand Commander
Southern Jurisdiction, USA	James D. Cole	Lieutenant Grand Commander
Southern Jurisdiction, USA	Charles V. Sederstrom	Grand Treasurer General
Northern Jurisdiction, USA	J. William McNaughton	Sovereign Grand Commander
Northern Jurisdiction, USA	Gail Kemp	Grand Lieutenant Commander
Northern Jurisdiction, USA	David Bedwell	Deputy for Michigan
Supreme Council of Scotland	Alexander Galbraith	Grand Secretary General
Supreme Council of Germany	Eberhard Desch	Sovereign Grand Commander
Grand Imperial		
Conclave of Canada	T. Roy Binns	Grand Sovereign
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	Gerald A. Riley	Supreme Grand Master
York Rite Sovereign College of North America	David G. Walker	Governor General
Royal Order of Scotland	Robert S. Whitmore	Provincial Grand Master
DeMolay of Canada	Ernest Loiselle	President

Total attendance was reported as follows:

	Brethren	Ladies
Active Members	33	24
Past Active Members	9	5
Honorary Members	169	115
Candidates	44	36
Guests	22	16
Totals	278	195



T A McLean



Terry A. McLean, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander



Brian W. Gilkinson



Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°
Grand Secretary-General

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Grand Treasurer-General's Report

See Page 49 for Report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT



Grant Thornton

Independent auditor's report

To the Members of

**Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada**

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We have audited the statement of financial position of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as at May 31, 2015 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows, the schedule of expenses and the schedule of annual session revenue and expenses for the year then ended.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as at May 31, 2015 and the results of its operations, changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Port Colborne, Canada
July 27, 2015

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended May 31

2015

2014

Revenue

Dues	\$ 184,110	\$ 187,971
Fees	4,980	9,654
Candidates' fees	<u>6,400</u>	<u>6,400</u>
	<u>195,490</u>	<u>204,025</u>

Expenses (Pages 7 and 8)

Administration	188,708	219,483
Activities	7,932	7,894
Officers and committees	84,437	81,136
Annual session - net	<u>27,875</u>	<u>1,895</u>
	<u>308,952</u>	<u>310,408</u>

Operating excess of expenses over revenue

(113,462) (106,383)

Investment income

66,130 82,010

Gain on disposal of investments

26,732 19,070

Excess of expenses over revenue before
unrealized (loss) gain on investments

(20,600) (5,303)

Unrealized (loss) gain on investments

(43,245) 107,410

**Excess of (expenses over revenue)
revenue over expenses**

\$ (63,845) \$ 102,107

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

For the Year Ended May 31, 2015

Net assets	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Internally Restricted Special Candidates Fund (Note 6)	2015	2014
			<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,567,553	\$ 147,300	\$ 1,714,853	\$ 1,612,746
Excess of (expenses over revenue) revenue over expenses	<u>(73,978)</u>	<u>10,133</u>	<u>(63,845)</u>	<u>102,107</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,493,575</u>	<u>\$ 157,433</u>	<u>\$ 1,651,008</u>	<u>\$ 1,714,853</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Statement of Financial Position

As at May 31

2015

2014

Assets

Current

Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 28,478	\$ 31,591
Receivables	16,452	18,583
Inventory	23,046	24,342
Prepaid and deferred charges	<u>14,678</u>	<u>20,970</u>

82,654 95,486

Investments, at fair value

- unrestricted (Note 4) 1,551,322 1,586,662

Investments, at fair value

- Special Candidates Fund (Note 4) 147,662 139,620

Capital assets

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\$ 1,781,639 \$ 1,821,769

Liabilities

Current

Payables and accruals (Note 5)	\$ 33,419	\$ 26,522
Deferred revenue	3,757	-
Candidates and other fees paid in advance	<u>93,455</u>	<u>80,394</u>

130,631 106,916

Net assets

Unrestricted 1,493,575 1,567,553

Internally restricted - Special Candidates
Fund (Note 6)

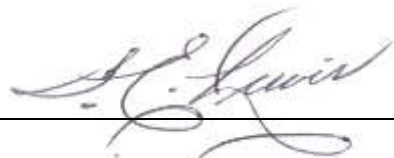
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1,651,008 1,714,853

\$ 1,781,639 \$ 1,821,769

Commitments (Note 7)

Approved by

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended May 31

2015

2014

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents

Operating activities		
Excess of (expenses over revenue) revenue over expenses	\$ (63,845)	\$ 102,107
Items not affecting cash		
Gain on disposal of investments	(26,732)	(19,070)
Change in unrealized gain on investments	<u>43,245</u>	<u>(107,410)</u>
	(47,332)	(24,373)
Changes in non-cash operating working capital		
Receivables	2,131	(4,746)
Inventory	1,296	(896)
Prepaid and deferred charges	6,292	(1,715)
Payables and accruals	6,897	5,093
Deferred revenue	3,757	-
Candidates and other fees paid in advance	<u>13,061</u>	<u>34,860</u>
	<u>(13,898)</u>	<u>8,223</u>
Investing activities		
Proceeds from disposition of investments	368,038	647,651
Purchase of investments	<u>(357,253)</u>	<u>(722,340)</u>
	<u>10,785</u>	<u>(74,689)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,113)	(66,466)
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of year	<u>31,591</u>	<u>98,057</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 28,478</u>	<u>\$ 31,591</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Schedule of Expenses

For the Year Ended May 31

2015

2014

Administration

Salaries	\$ 48,432	\$ 51,961
Employee benefits	2,238	2,497
Rent	19,625	18,773
Postage	6,286	5,515
Telephone	3,780	2,735
Property maintenance	1,440	1,280
Equipment maintenance	6,967	3,958
Supplies	4,952	3,105
Office equipment	6,685	8,395
Professional fees	16,136	19,255
Managerial operating fees	55,051	52,821
Insurance	5,376	7,009
Printing	3,946	1,225
Computer service	1,363	29,575
Website cost	-	348
Sundry – net of recoveries	<u>6,431</u>	<u>11,031</u>
	\$ 188,708	\$ 219,483

Activities

Proceedings	\$ 365	\$ 331
Sale of proceedings	(74)	(207)
Sale of statutes and regulations	(1,018)	(1,038)
Sale of rituals, officers' manual and lectures	(3,910)	(5,003)
The Clarion costs	9,499	10,282
Public relations	500	14
Donations and presentation	<u>2,570</u>	<u>3,515</u>
	\$ 7,932	\$ 7,894

Officers and committees

Sovereign Grand Commander	\$ 9,579	\$ 7,241
Lieutenant Grand Commander	8,501	5,949
Deputies	11,757	12,121
Other	24,674	21,840
Advisory council	12,179	10,669
Attendance at other Supreme Councils and international meetings	4,268	13,764
World conference	<u>13,479</u>	<u>9,552</u>
	\$ 84,437	\$ 81,136

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Schedule of Annual Session Revenue and Expenses

For the Year Ended May 31

2015

2014

Revenue

Registration	\$ 151,900	\$ 171,800
Vesper service	<u>1,348</u>	<u>2,745</u>
	<u>153,248</u>	<u>174,545</u>

Expenses

Delegates - actives and past actives		
Lunches	4,126	5,248
Tuesday Dinner	5,851	6,820
Wednesday Dinner	6,689	10,253
Get Acquainted Reception - Wednesday	4,137	4,926
Foundation Luncheon	23,160	29,898
Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet	27,110	31,805
Sovereign Grand Commander's Wife's Luncheon	2,357	1,901
Guest Room Attrition	9,893	-
Ladies Program	<u>6,852</u>	<u>10,141</u>
	<u>90,175</u>	<u>100,992</u>

General

Flowers	709	153
Workers' lunch	409	364
Printing	1,179	1,884
Accommodation – guests and sessions	10,683	7,973
Audio visual and room rental	22,967	18,555
Vesper service	700	858
Moving and insurance	2,967	1,030
Regalia	13,939	20,566
Miscellaneous	3,801	2,058
Local committee expenses	<u>5,082</u>	<u>946</u>

62,436 54,387

Excess of session revenue over expenses
before travel allowance

637 19,166

Travel allowance

28,512 21,061

Net expenses for session

\$ (27,875) \$ (1,895)

Total attendance

428 499

Location

Halifax

Barrie

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Notes to the Financial Statements

May 31, 2015

1. Purpose of the organization

The Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada (the “organization”) is a not-for-profit organization which serves as the central administrative body for Scottish Rite Freemasonry across Canada.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The organization has prepared these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks and other institutions and term deposits with maturities of three months or less.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement

The organization’s financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred.

Subsequent measurement

At each reporting date, the organization measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for equities quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. The organization has also irrevocably elected to measure its investments in bonds at fair value. All changes in fair value of the organization’s investments in equities quoted in an active market and in bonds are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payables.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the organization regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the organization determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Notes to the Financial Statements

May 31, 2015

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Capital assets

Capital asset purchases which are significant are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives.

Revenue recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the Internally Restricted - Special Candidates Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the unrestricted fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Dues and fees revenue is recognized as earned and collection is reasonably assured. Amounts received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue.

Fundraising events revenue is recognized when the event takes place and collection is reasonably assured.

Net investment income is recognized as it is earned in the statement of operations.

Use of estimates

Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each statement of financial position date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Many items in the preparation of these financial statements require management's best estimate. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of action.

These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to net income as appropriate in the year they become known.

Items subject to significant management estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Notes to the Financial Statements

May 31, 2015

3. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks and brokerage firms.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash in bank – unrestricted	\$ 13,445	\$ 19,874
Cash in investment account – unrestricted	12,036	10,811
Cash in investment account – Special Candidates Fund	<u>2,997</u>	<u>906</u>
	<u>\$ 28,478</u>	<u>\$ 31,591</u>

4. Investments, at fair value

Unrestricted

Fixed income – guaranteed investment certificate	\$ 832,394	\$ 810,256
Equities quoted in an active market	<u>718,928</u>	<u>776,406</u>
	1,551,322	1,586,662

Special Candidates Fund

Equities quoted in an active market	<u>147,662</u>	<u>139,620</u>
	<u>\$ 1,698,984</u>	<u>\$ 1,726,282</u>

5. Payables and accruals

Included in payables and accruals are government remittances of \$ 738 (2014 - \$ 918).

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Notes to the Financial Statements

May 31, 2015

6. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets are comprised of donations subject to internally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resources be held for capital appreciation.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Restricted net assets, beginning of year	\$ 147,300	\$ 116,173
Candidates' fees	6,400	6,400
Investment income	6,531	5,319
Unrealized (loss) gain on investments	<u>(2,798)</u>	<u>19,408</u>
Restricted net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 157,433</u>	<u>\$ 147,300</u>

In 2005, the organization approved the transfer of \$ 15,000 from existing funds to form a 'New Candidates Fund'. This fund will provide an annual renewable source of capital in the future. This fund currently holds investments with a fair value of \$ 147,662 and cash of \$ 2,997.

7. Commitments

The organization has commitments for leases of equipment and rental of premises with expiry dates ranging to 2019. Future minimum lease payments over the next four years are as follows:

2016	\$ 5,074
2017	1,594
2018	1,594
2019	797

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Notes to the Financial Statements

May 31, 2015

8. Financial instruments

The value of a financial instrument can be affected by changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and commodity prices and credit spreads.

Market risk

Market risk is the potential for loss from changes in the value of financial instruments.

The organization is exposed to market risk in the investment portfolio as well as through non-trading activities. Market risk in investment activities is managed by the senior management of the organization and every investment transaction is guided by policy and regulatory limitations.

As at May 31, 2015, the organization's exposure was as follows:

	<u>% of Total Investments</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fixed income	49%	\$ 832,394
Equities	51%	<u>866,590</u>
		<u>\$ 1,698,984</u>

As at May 31, 2015, if fixed income prices had increased or decreased by 10%, the effect on the assets, with all other variables held constant, would be approximately \$ 83,239. If equity prices had increased or decreased by 10%, the effect on the assets, with all other variables held constant, would be approximately \$ 86,659.

As at May 31, 2014, the organization's exposure was as follows:

	<u>% of Total Investments</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fixed income	47%	\$ 810,256
Equities	53%	<u>916,026</u>
		<u>\$ 1,726,282</u>

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Notes to the Financial Statements

May 31, 2015

8. Financial instruments (continued)

As at May 31, 2014, if fixed income prices had increased or decreased by 10%, the effect on the assets, with all other variables held constant, would be approximately \$ 81,026. If equity prices had increased or decreased by 10%, the effect on the assets, with all other variables held constant, would be approximately \$ 91,603.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to investments in bonds.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price. The organization is, therefore, exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable. Management manages liquidity risk and monitors the cash and funding needs on a daily basis.

9. Related party transactions

During the year, the organization paid and charged back costs for The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. These transactions are in the normal course of business and measured at the exchange amount, which are the actual amounts paid. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is a not-for-profit organization whose board of directors are members of the organization.

Amounts due to/from The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation are as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Accounts receivable	\$ 3,794	\$ 14,619

2016 SUPREME COUNCIL BUDGET

SUPREME COUNCIL 33^o OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY OF CANADA

DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2016 WITH COMPARISON TO 2015 BUDGET AND ACTUALS

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2015</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>			
DUES [\$ 4.50]	180,000	184,110	180,000
FEES	5,000	4,980	9,500
CANDIDATES' CAPITAL FUND [44 X \$ 200]	8,800	6,400	6,400
	<u>193,800</u>	<u>195,490</u>	<u>195,900</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			
SALARIES	50,000	48,432	55,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,000	2,238	3,000
	53,000	50,670	58,000
RENT	21,000	19,625	20,050
POSTAGE	5,500	6,286	5,500
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	3,000	3,780	2,880
PROPERTY/OFFICE MAINTENANCE	1,500	1,440	1,300
SUPPLIES	4,000	4,952	3,500
OFFICE EQUIPMENT - LEASES	6,730	6,685	3,400
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT - NEW PURCHASE	500	0	0
COMPUTER CONSULTING	3,600	0	0
COMPUTER SERVICE - MONTHLY	675	0	0
Old Acct TELEPHONE/INTERNET UPGRADE	0	4,082	8,250
Old Acct MONITORS & COMPUTER	0	0	1,500
Old Acct THE THEGANI GROUP	0	2,885	3,500
Old Acct COMPUTER SERVICE	0	1,363	675
PROFESSIONAL FEES	16,500	16,136	19,000
MANAGERIAL OPERATING FEES	55,000	55,051	54,000
INSURANCE SUPREME COUNCIL	5,500	5,376	7,250
PRINTING	4,000	3,946	1,250
WEBSITE COST	0	0	350
SUNDRY	4,500	6,431	4,000
	<u>185,005</u>	<u>188,708</u>	<u>194,405</u>

ACTIVITIES**DONATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

DEMOLAY	1,700	0	1,500
MATHESON AWARD	1,750	2,570	3,500
PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE			
- PROCEEDINGS	-255	0	0
- STATUTES AND REGULATIONS	-1,000	-1,018	-1,000
- RITUALS, MANUALS & LECTURES	-2,500	-3,910	-4,500
Old Acct PROCEEDINGS - COST	0	365	0
Old Acct PROCEEDINGS - SALES	0	-74	-250
PUBLIC RELATIONS	0	500	100
PUBLICATION OF THE "CLARION"	9,500	9,499	10,500
	9,195	7,932	9,850

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER	10,000	9,579	10,000
LIEUTENANT GRAND COMMANDER	2,500	8,501	5,000
DEPUTIES	12,000	11,757	13,000
ADVISORY COUNCIL	9,500	12,179	11,000
OTHER			
GRAND SECRETARY- GENERAL	3,500	7,778	4,000
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1,000	925	1,300
LIBRARY - OPERATIONS & RENT	1,500	1,500	1,500
OTHER / MILEAGE	5,000	14,441	12,000

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER'S INITIATIVES**MEMBERSHIP / LEADERSHIP**

COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES	500	30	1,000
MEMBERSHIP -VIDEO (MASTER MASONS)	12,000	0	0
DEPUTIES WORKSHOP - NOV 21/22, 2015	10,000	0	0
EDUCATION & ENLIGHTENMENT	1,000	0	0
ATTENDANCE AT OTHER -			
SUPREME COUNCILS / CONFERENCES	7,000	4,268	4,000
WORLD CONFERENCE (PORTUGAL 2015)	0	13,479	16,000
	75,500	84,437	78,800

ANNUAL SESSIONS

SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION WINDSOR 2016 / HALIFAX 2015	0	637	0
TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	<u>20,000</u>	<u>28,512</u>	<u>25,500</u>
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>27,875</u>	<u>25,500</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>289,700</u>	<u>308,952</u>	<u>308,555</u>
<u>NET OPERATING EXCESS OF</u> <u>EXPENSES OVER REVENUE</u>	[<u>95,900</u>]	[113,462]	[112,655]
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u> <u>INVESTMENT INCOME PLUS</u> <u>REALIZED NET CAPITAL GAINS</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>92,862</u>	<u>95,000</u>
<u>EXCESS OF EXPENSES</u> <u>OVER REVENUE BEFORE</u> <u>UNREALIZED GAIN [LOSS]</u> <u>ON INVESTMENTS</u>	[<u>5,900</u>]	[20,600]	[17,655]
<u>UNREALIZED GAIN [LOSS]</u> <u>ON INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>TBD AT</u> <u>YEAR END</u>	<u>43,245</u>	<u>43,245</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUE</u> <u>OVER EXPENSES</u>	<u>TBD AT</u> <u>YEAR END</u>	<u>63,845</u>	<u>60,900</u>

NOTES TO THE 2016 BUDGET

REVENUE AND EXPENSES ARE ESTIMATED BASED ON THE PRIOR YEAR AND ADJUSTED FOR KNOWN INCREASES OR DECREASES AND ALLOWING FOR INFLATIONARY INCREASES.

BUDGETARY REQUESTS BY INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED WHERE APPLICABLE AND AMOUNTS KNOWN.

THE ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES ARE THE ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY SUPREME COUNCIL AND WHERE APPLICABLE ARE NET OF COSTS RECOVERED FROM SHARED EXPENSES WITH THE SCOTTISH RITE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

INCLUDED IN OFFICER AND COMMITTEE EXPENSES UNDER SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER'S INITIATIVES ARE PROVISIONS FOR A MEMBERSHIP VIDEO AND A LEADERSHIP DEPUTIES WORKSHOP IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$ 12,000 AND \$ 10,000 RESPECTIVELY.

Report of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To the Supreme Council 33' of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of this Supreme Council can be found in Article 35 of the Statutes and Regulations of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Accordingly, we submit the following report in connection therewith.

Your Board of Trustees reports that as at May 31, 2014, the net assets under its charge totaled \$1,714,853 compared to \$1,612,746 as at May 31, 2013. The increase in the net assets in the amount of \$102,107 is represented by an operating excess of expenses over revenue of \$5,303 minus a year end adjustment for unrealized gain on investments in the amount of \$107,410 for a net excess of revenue over expenses in the amount of \$102,107.

During the last fiscal year, securities matured or were sold with the result that Supreme Council realized a net capital gain of \$19,070 as compared to a net capital gain of \$6,784 in 2013 together with investment income of \$82,010 [2013 – \$63,894]. The total of investment income and net capital gains [losses] in the amount of \$101,080 [2013 - \$70,678] was \$26,080 over the budgeted amount of \$75,000.

The Supreme Council investment portfolios aggregated \$1,726,282 at market value as at May 31, 2014. Note, additional cash is included in the cash and cash equivalents, which represents residual cash in the broker's accounts of the General Investments and the Special Candidates' Fund in the amounts of \$10,811 and \$906 respectively for a total of \$11,717. Thus bringing the total investment portfolios to \$1,737,999 as at May 31, 2014 as compared to \$1,582,908 as at May 31, 2013. The cash on hand as at May 31, 2014 was the result of net cash from maturities and purchases of investments together with investment income accumulated in the cash accounts of the two portfolios.

To Summarize the foregoing:

Cash and cash equivalents includes the cash balance in the bank and brokerage firms together with the investments as outlined below:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Investments – unrestricted [General Investments]		
Cash in Broker's account	10,811	56,281
Investments at market value	<u>1,586,662</u>	<u>1,423,464</u>
	<u>1,579,473</u>	<u>1,479,745</u>
Investments – restricted [Special Candidates' Fund]		
Cash in Broker's account	906	1,514
Investments at market value	<u>139,620</u>	<u>101,649</u>
	<u>140,526</u>	<u>103,163</u>
Total Investment Funds	1,737,999	1,582,908
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Your Trustees and our investment advisor R. B. C. Dominion Securities continue to work within the guidelines of the Supreme Council Investment Policy, whereby we manage the portfolios generally within a maximum 50 % / 50 % split of fixed income to equity securities. Information provided by R. B. C. Dominion Securities indicates that for fiscal 2014, the General Investment Portfolio experienced an annual overall rate of return of 12.13 % and the Special Candidates' Fund experienced an annual overall rate of return of 28.57 %.

We would also advise that all securities were held in accordance with the requirements of ART. 35 [b] of the Statutes and Regulations and income there from is paid to the Supreme Council on request except for investment income earned on the Special Candidates' Fund, which is internally restricted until such time as the fund balance and the investment income there from become more meaningful.

In some years, it is unnecessary to transfer any funds to Supreme Council, however during fiscal 2014, cash requirements were such that it necessitated the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Investment Portfolio to the Supreme Council bank account to cover operating costs.

General Comments

The markets over the past year have been decidedly positive, despite many geopolitical concerns throughout the world and the financial statements certainly reflect the improvement in the overall portfolios and the investment income thereon.

Similarly, Supreme Council saw fit to amend the Supreme Council "Investment Plan" to allow for an asset mix to a maximum of 50% equity positions and 50% fixed income positions. We have gradually altered the portfolios to achieve that mix. As such, the total increased investment income is acknowledged in the financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2014.

Once again, we continue to be pleased with the services of R.B.C. Dominion Securities and their representatives. In particular, we would like to express our thanks to Mr. Richard te Boekhorst of R.B.C. Dominion Securities for their assistance, interest and availability throughout the year. Accordingly, we would recommend the continuing engagement of this firm to administer the Supreme Council Investment portfolios and provide for our investment needs.

Respectfully submitted

Richard A. Brown, 33°
Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°
Thomas E. Lewis, 33°

► DEPUTY REPORTS BY PROVINCE ◀


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Report of the Deputy For  
**ALBERTA & THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The following is a report on the state of the Rite in Alberta and NWT.

**Communication**

All 5 Valleys use a combination of standard printed notices and e-summons to inform members of meetings and special events. E-summons are becoming more prevalent as more members are becoming computer friendly.

**Leadership**

The Valleys of Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge have functioning Executive Committees. The 2 smaller Valleys, Central Alberta and Medicine Hat, do not need such committees. The only Past Active/PSGC in the province able to assist their Valleys are in Calgary (Past Deputy Ill. Bro. Stan Clayton, 33°) and Edmonton (Past Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Bro. Orlan Weber, 33°). Ill. Bro. Tom Band, 33° has passed to the Grand Lodge above. All 5 Valleys are actively involved in succession planning, have HIG nominating committees (when needed) and have a programme of degrees. Officers in Edmonton serve 2 year terms; all of the others serve 1 year terms. Central Alberta is “recycling” many officers due to low membership.

**Membership**

Since Supreme Council receives membership statistics, provided by each Valley on an annual basis, it can be simply stated that the membership in each Valley is declining. This is due mostly to deaths and to a lesser extent demits. Both Calgary and Edmonton hold Master Mason Nights.

**Fellowship**

In Edmonton, the Deputy attended the Christmas social. In addition, at the 14° and 32° Reunions, the Deputy attended the dinners and music night. The Deputy attended Central Alberta’s “Free BBQ” in June. All of the Valleys have a Christmas social. Calgary also has a Palm Sunday Tea. The Deputy attends any social functions following Reunions in the other Valleys when making his official visit.

**Unique**

Edmonton continues to provide acting and director classes to assist our casts and directors. These are given by professional actors/directors. Edmonton continues to sponsor scholarships to young musicians at the Alberta College Conservatory of Music annually. One recipient, Jack Forestier (9 years old) recently played at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Edmonton has a well-developed system of charitable donations to a number of worthy groups. Calgary, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat work together, and members of Lethbridge and Medicine Hat are often officers in bodies located only in Calgary or Lethbridge.

### **Supporting Craft Lodges**

The Deputy knows of no on-going activities that fall under this category; however, the Deputy has made it known that he will, with an invitation from the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, speak about the A. & A. S. R.

### **Financial Health**

Supreme Council receives annual financial forms from the Valleys. The smaller Valleys may be bordering on long term financial problems; however, with declining membership, all Valleys could face difficulties in the future.

### **Overall General Statements**

Edmonton and Calgary, while having declining memberships, are strong and active. Edmonton still confers most of all of the degrees in its Reunions. Lethbridge, Central Alberta, and Medicine Hat are having membership problems; however, the members are sincere and dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren W. Kline, 33°

Deputy for Alberta and the Northwest Territories

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Report of the Deputy For BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON TERRITORY

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am pleased to submit this report on Scottish Rite Freemasonry in British Columbia and Yukon Territory.

Valley of Prince George

Cariboo Lodge of Perfection (63)

New Caledonia Chapter of Rose Croix (57)

My Official visit to Cariboo Lodge of Perfection was held on 23rd March 2015. Because of the absence of principle officers in the Installation at the February meeting (work schedules), the Installation of Officers was held that evening, and was conducted by Ill. Bro. Neil Weller, 33°.

The Valley had a class of 4 new candidates this year. Unfortunately due to conflicting work schedules and illness none of the 4 candidates was able to attend at my visit.

All Communications are sent through e-mail with a few being sent to members unable to receive electronic communications. As the years go by fewer and fewer are requiring a communication of a notice through Canada Post.

The TPGM is well versed in a leadership role having served in previous occasions. His officers are also knowledgeable of the work required by the Valley. The membership is steady. As of last Annual Return, membership is 63.

The fraternal membership of Prince George and surrounding towns is very dependent on Master Masons supporting the bodies of Freemasonry beyond Craft Masonry. Many of them are, therefore, members of all three concordant bodies. Their masonic lives are busy.

Initial connections have been made with this Valley to assist in the conferring of degrees at a field day for members of Skeena Lodge of Perfection, a date to be determined in the Fall of 2015, or Spring of 2016.

Valley of Nanaimo

Colville Lodge of Perfection (113)

On 28th January, 2015, I attended the Lodge of Perfection for an Official visit. The small lodge room was full: visitors from Victoria, Courtenay and Campbell River were in attendance. The 7th Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the officers of Colville Lodge.

Colville Lodge membership is showing a slow growth. This year candidates numbered eight. Most of the work of the degrees is shared with Strathcona Lodge of Perfection (Courtenay/Campbell River locations). The history of these two Valleys working together has been encouraging. The quality of work remains high and careful practices reflect the excellence in presentation.

All Communications are through e-mail with several still being mailed out to more senior members who do not have computers. Meetings are always well attended with visitors from both South and North Island.

In recent years, the TPGMs have been Past Masters of Craft Lodges. Their skills in conducting the lodge business and degrees are well demonstrated. The officers in the various chairs are all active in Craft Masonry. With a strong group of committed members of Scottish Rite, the Valley is thriving. The brethren have a pride and a deep passion of Scottish Rite Masonry.

My visit on 14th February, 2014 was for the joint installation of Colville Lodge of Perfection and Strathcona Lodge of Perfection. This too has been a tradition for several years and, up to this year, the installing team had come from Vancouver Valley. This year it was not possible for that team to attend, so the Lodge found its own team. The depth of skilled brethren in this Valley showed through the excellent installation of Officers of both Valleys.

The Valley joins other Masonic groups in an annual barbecue in June. In the fall, the Lodge of Perfection sponsors a "Bring a Buddy" evening where an invitation to Masons from Craft Lodges to attend and hear of the work of Scottish Rite, and consideration for the Rite to be a continuous masonic journey. The Lodge is also developing a Craft degree team for Lodges on the Island. Their preference is to confer the MM degree.

Valley of Fraser Valley

Fraser Valley Lodge of Perfection (121)

Fraser Valley Chapter of Rose Croix (134)

The 50th Anniversary of the Fraser Valley Lodge of Perfection was celebrated on 8th November, 2014, and it was a pleasure to have our Sovereign Grand Commander in attendance. The celebration was a banquet held at the Hilton Metrotown Hotel in Burnaby, with 120 attending from the Valley, Vancouver Valley and from Vancouver Island.

On the 3rd December, 2014 was the annual installation of both Fraser Valley Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix, both conducted by brethren of the Lodge and Chapter.

The TPGM has taken the charges delivered to him at his installation to heart. Since his installation as TPGM of Perfection he has been writing "Contemplation" material about Scottish Rite and its meanings. These have been passed through e-mails to the membership of the Valley. He has also been detailing plans for each meeting, both degrees to be conferred as well as education meetings. The response from the membership has been encouraging and appreciated. The leadership of the TPGM is important for the Valley to witness and it is certain that officers in chairs leading to the East will work hard to emulate.

On the 20th February, 2015, I made an Official visit to the Valley, where I witnessed the conferring of the 4th degree to a class of 9 candidates. The degree was presented in an exemplary manner. At the conclusion of the evening a casual festive board followed, common to this Valley.

The Valley has taken upon itself to work with Vancouver Valley Lodge of Perfection to share the work of the degrees by alternating the site of the degrees between Fraser Valley and Vancouver. Some growing pains are being experienced, but all in all the spirit of cooperation has been impressive, and has benefitted both Valleys.

On 24th April, we were saddened at the news that Ill. Bro. Leslie R. Peterson, 33°, C.M., O.B.C., Q.C. LL.B., F.R.S.A. had passed away. Ill. Bro. Peterson was the first recipient of the John Ross Matheson Award in 2000. He was the Chairman of the Constitutions Committee of Grand Lodge for several years. He served as a District Deputy Grand Master in 1994. He was Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, and also Potentate for Gizeh Temple. He also served the Provincial Government as Minister of Education, later as Minister of Labour and finally as Attorney General. No matter what he put his hand to he served with distinction.

Valley of Prince Rupert

Skeena Lodge of Perfection (24)

On 16th May, 2015, I made an official visit to Skeena Lodge of Perfection. In preparation for the visit, correspondence was exchanged between the Grand Secretary and Deputy to plan for a Meeting to include a Master Masons Morning Meeting and Lunch. Circumstances changed when the Grand Secretary was unable to continue in his elected position. The meeting on 16th May was a business meeting with 2 Master Masons who attended along with seven members of the Valley. I gave a formal presentation. The material consisted of the organizational structure of Scottish Rite, a brief history of Scottish Rite origins from 1725, through to Supreme Council of 1874,

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and the celebration of its 50th Anniversary, and local needs to maintain a Lodge of Perfection.

Discussion continued with the desire to organize a Field Day to help the Valley membership complete to the 14th degree and build to a full lodge of officers for the Valley. Plans are now beginning to be built for that to take place in Prince George in the coming year. Prince George is 575 km away. The urgency of increasing membership is necessary.

Membership is difficult to maintain, with many Masons leaving the area for better work opportunities in other parts of the province. The Craft Lodges from which membership is drawn, are a distance away from the town in which the Lodge of Perfection is located – (215 km to Smithers BC, and 144 km to Prince Rupert). Weather conditions also hamper regular meetings taking place. Brethren of the Valley, however, are very keen to maintain the Lodge of Perfection. The TPGM is eager to see immediate changes in membership. There is a level of enthusiasm and great interest to maintain the Valley's presence.

Valley of Campbell River

Strathcona Lodge of Perfection (67)

I held my Official Visit at Campbell River on 19th May, 2015. The program of the meeting was the conferring of the 14th degree. As in the past years, Colville Lodge of Perfection brought their class of candidates to Campbell River to receive the degree. Strathcona and Colville Lodges of Perfection have joined in recent years in conferring the obligatory degrees and several of the other degrees to their joint candidate classes. The friendly and welcoming connection between the two Valleys is proving effective as a larger base of Scottish Rite Masons can draw members for the degree teams.

This particular 14th degree was a superb example of brethren working towards perfection - so much of the individual work was well done. Particularly, Ill. Bro. George Maclagan, 32°, the TPGM, who not only presented his work as the master of the Lodge but also in the conducting of the whole evening. The word was explained by Ill. Bro. Doug Sowden, 33°, with the use of a power point presentation, which not only identified prominent words of the ritual but illustrations were added to the presentation giving the whole as a story being told; the original power point by the TPGM. Ill. Bro. Mark Donaldson, 33°, presented the lecture of the degree. The murmurs of approval at the conclusion of the work identified how pleasing his work was to listen to.

There were 7 candidates for the degree.

Strathcona Lodge has strong members in office and appears to be well on their way to revitalizing the Lodge. Last year, Ill. Bro. Bryan Erickson organized a breakfast for Master Masons to hear about Scottish Rite. There are plans to have another breakfast morning for September 2015.

Each year Strathcona Lodge will hold two business meetings at which planning for the future, short term and long term, are held.

The newly installed Orator is keen to present Scottish Rite Education. This is being attended to – I will be passing along some material.

Valley of Kamloops

Thompson Lodge of Perfection

Thompson Chapter of Rose Croix

On the 16th March, 2015, I presented three 50 year pins and certificates to brethren of Thompson Valley who were unable to attend Lodge.

Ill. Bro. Richard A. Reid, 32°

Ill. Bro. Francis McKee, 33°

Ill. Bro. Glenn M. Martin, 33° Past Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill. Bro. Allan C. MacPherson, 32° - now lives in Saanichton, Vancouver Island. It was planned for me to present to him at the next convenient time in Victoria Valley.

I was accompanied by: Ill. Bro. Marvin Munro, 33°, Ill. Bro. Dick Pemberton, 32°, TPGM, Ill. Bro. Stan Bott, 33°, Ill. Bro. Jack Harper, 33°, Ill. Bro. Don Ogilvie, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Tim Boynton, 32°, (Grand Secretary)

On 17th March, 2015, I attended the Lodge of Perfection on my official visit. The 4th degree was conferred on 3 candidates in an excellent manner. The candidates received a copy of the lecture following the completion of the degree. This has been a regular tradition of Thompson Valley. I spoke further to the lecture of the degree encouraging the candidates to constantly read Scottish Rite material as they progress through Perfection. This valley places special emphasis on involving as many new Scottish Rite Masons in the degrees as possible. Several brethren that evening were part of the 4th degree team for the first time.

The Lodge presented a donation to the SRCF in support of the 50th Anniversary project this year, which gave me an opportunity to speak about the SRCF.

The Valley works with Okanagan Lodge of Perfection in the conferring of degrees. Such joint support from Valleys enhances the fellowship in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Addendum:

20 days following the presentation of his 50-year pin and certificate, Ill. Bro. Glenn M. Martin, 33° MD. C. M. FRCP, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, passed to the Grand Lodge Above. I attended the memorial service for Ill. Bro. Glenn Martin, 33° held in the Kamloops United Church. Ill. Bro. Terry Mclean, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Marvin Munro, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Michael Ward, 33° attended with several dozen brethren from Kamloops Lodge No.10, BC&Y, other lodges, and from Scottish Rite. This gentle Scottish Rite Mason led the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada from 1997 to 2000 in a caring manner. He leaves wife, Mary, six children, and numerous grandchildren to mourn.

Valley of Nelson/Castlegar

Kootenay/Boundary Lodge of Perfection (43)

Kokanee Chapter of Rose Croix (34)

My official visit to the Lodge of Perfection in Trail, BC, was on 27th April, 2015. Twelve brethren assembled in a restaurant in Trail for dinner before proceeding to the Lodge for

the meeting. The meeting was called to order with 15 brethren present. The 7th degree was conferred on one candidate.

As my first attendance at the Valley I was impressed by the location and layout of the area set aside for Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rite room is in the lower level of the Masonic Temple in Trail. Much of the work in constructing the Scottish Rite lodge room and storage has been completed by Ill. Bro. Brett Rakuson, 32°. His untiring work and support of the Valley is much appreciated and acknowledged by the members of Scottish Rite.

The newly installed TPGM is keen to infuse motivation and interest in the Valley. His background is in education, and he plans to make regular presentations on Scottish Rite topics.

Membership of this Valley is small. Members come from various areas in the Kootenays. Some members would have to travel 4 ½ hours to get to a meeting. Add the precarious weather conditions during winter and one understands that the lodge is very dependent on local Scottish Rite Masons for support. The members have spoken to Craft Lodges about Scottish Rite Masonry on the invitation of the Masters. All communications are sent by e-mail. There is no newsletter attached as such. However this might help in keeping the membership apprised of the lodge's work.

This year the Chapter was successful in filling chairs of Rose Croix.

The Valley needs much work to build both numbers and more interest in Scottish Rite. I shall watch with close attention to see if there is momentum to make the difference required.

Valley of Vancouver

Vancouver Lodge of Perfection (205)

Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix (206)

BC Consistory (439)

My official visit to Vancouver Lodge of Perfection occurred on 21st November, 2014, when the lodge conferred the 4th degree on six candidates.

A banquet was held before the meeting – with 35 members attending.

The officers of Vancouver are mixed with long term members supporting new members taking office. And the degree team was also a mixture of brethren of several years' experience and those who were presenting for the first time. The lecture was given by Bro. M. Chernoff; his first time at presenting the 4th degree lecture, which was an excellent presentation. The Valley has brethren who can demonstrate how to present ritual well, a good example for young Scottish Rite Masons.

The leadership is requiring support and help on occasions. The Valley boasts of several qualified brethren to help with officer training and support, and who are most willing to offer help when asked.

Communications of Notices are sent by e-mail with few receiving their notices in the mail.

The Valley has experienced some loss of membership generally particularly loss of participating members. The membership is aging and those who for several years have been willing to be called upon to help are requiring support. This strains those who do attend to be available for support work in degrees. This year Vancouver Valley and Fraser Valley have joined together to bridge those gaps. Working together seems to be beneficial to both groups. I am confident that joint meetings, supporting conferring of degrees, will strengthen both Valleys' resolve to bring the Valleys back to the quality that was there in the past.

On 9th January 2015, I attended the installation of Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix and Consistory – as joint installation and was impressed by the manner it was conducted by Ill. Bro. Aidan Gordon, 33°. Having seen the joint installation, I have invited other Valleys to consider doing the same for Perfection and Rose Croix in their Valleys. If planned carefully it can be just as inspirational as individual installations. The three brethren responsible for each individual body's installation were skilled Scottish Rite Masons. The complete installation took seventy minutes. Following the completion of business in Perfection, the lodge held an informal festive board.

BC Learning Centre

I attended the "Graduation" ceremony of students from the BC Learning Centre 26th May, 2015, which was held at the Vancouver Masonic Centre in Vancouver. A total of 3 students from this year bring to a total of 13 who have now completed their work since the centre opened. Most encouraging.

Ill. Bro. John Teleske, 33°, the Chair of our Board of Directors, aided by Mrs. Heather Redenbach, Director of the Centre, lead the proceedings. Ill. Bro. Philip Durell, 33°, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon was also present and spoke about the support of the centre to help students with Dyslexia. I was also given the opportunity to speak. In the gathering following the formal part of the afternoon, I was privileged to speak to several parents. The sincere appreciation that they told me of the opportunity for their children to now have the skills to read, and the enjoyment and thrill they have in seeing their children now with a book in hand reading fluently was most rewarding. One father who spoke to me broke down unable to express his thanks to the tutors and the Learning Centre in general for 'saving his child.' The anxiety these parents have had before is now lifted. Their future with their children is bright.

It was with sadness that at this meeting I was informed of the passing of Ill. Bro. Alan Swain, 33°, on Monday 25th May. Alan and his late wife, Joan, were strong advocates for the Learning Centre. Alan spent many hours as a volunteer at the centre, not only in support of the running of the centre, but with donations.

Valley of Vernon

Okanagan Lodge of Perfection (135)
Moray Chapter of Rose Croix (126)
Morning Star Consistory (117)

On 7th May, 2015, I held my Official Visit at Okanagan Lodge of Perfection. The evening commenced with a banquet – 48 were in attendance.

The Lodge conferred the 14th degree on two candidates from Vernon and one on behalf of Thompson Valley, Kamloops. Ill. Bro. Marvin Munro, 33°, Past Deputy joined with several others from Thompson Valley.

The officers conferred the 14th degree in an excellent manner. Of interest were the questions asked of each candidate given by several officers about the lodge. Thus the candidates heard questions from various points of the lodge room.

All Notices are sent by e-mail to members with the exception of those who do not have computer technology. Both the Grand Secretary and Treasurer have been in their positions for several years and are competent in their duties. Necessary annual forms have been submitted to Hamilton.

The line of officers of the Lodge are well acquainted with their expected duties and I am confident the future is guaranteed for strong leadership in the Valley.

The Lodge presented a generous donation to Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation in the name of Ill. Bro. Glenn M. Martin, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander who passed away just three weeks before this meeting. I note with interest that a donation to SRCF was given last year. This Valley takes an interest in the SRCF and is to be commended for its generosity.

There is a new venture established in Vernon – the Masonic Social Club. Representatives from Craft Lodges, Scottish Rite, and Shrine, socialize together, encouraging attendance by members' families as well as men and their families who might have an interest in joining Masonry. This may lead later to inquiries about Scottish Rite Masonry.

Ill Bro. William Ferguson, 33°, has produced a pamphlet to present to Scottish Rite members of the class which outlines details of the three bodies of Scottish Rite, a brief history of the Rite national and local, details of the number of meetings, appropriate attire, the SRCF, the Almoner's Fund. He has agreed to share the format of the pamphlet with the other Valleys in BC&Y for them to create their own. A supplement to the pamphlet is a sheet listing the names of the degrees and their separation in the three bodies. His work is appreciated.

Valley of Victoria

Victoria Lodge of Perfection (220)

Victoria Chapter of Rose Croix (334)

Vancouver Island Consistory (311)

On 14th October, 2014, Ill. Bro. Marvin Munro, 33°, presented me to Victoria Lodge of Perfection for the first time as Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon – a humbling experience to say the least! First to have the Immediate past Deputy who has accomplished so much in our jurisdiction present me and secondly for myself before my peers. Bro. Munro identified the hobbies I have, but said I had forgotten one - that was "Scottish Rite!" How true.

The Valley was pleased to receive our Sovereign Grand Commander at his official visit to Victoria. I had the pleasure of receiving our Sovereign Grand Commander to the

East. Following the completion of business the 7th degree was conferred on 14 Candidates.

The purpose of the SGC's visit was to present to Ill. Bro. Terry Akerman, 33°, of Colville Lodge of Perfection the John Ross Matheson award. Ill. Bro. Akerman was unable to be present at Halifax to receive it in September; the committee of Supreme Council gave permission for it to be presented in Victoria at the Sovereign Grand Commander's visit. It was pleasing that our Sovereign Grand Commander was able to extend his visit to Victoria for one more day. We were able to have him spend an hour with some Scottish Rite Masons who are now unable to attend Lodge: Ill. Bro. Donald Wakelyn, 33° (PGM, PTPGM, PC-I-C)), Ill Bro, David Walker, 33° (PMWS), and Ill. Bro. Ray Bexfield, 32°. My thanks is extended to Ill. Bro. Bill Ley, 32°, and Ill. Bro. Don Campbell, 33°, for organizing the visit.

The membership of Victoria Valley remains steady, with classes of about 10 are typical for the Valley. There is a large group of Masons who are a strong core for the Valley. The HIGs have taken to heart the charge they received when the degree was conferred. They offer help when called upon at every opportunity. Conversations with Master Masons to consider membership to Scottish Rite has drawn many to Perfection whose leadership skills have already been proven in Craft Lodges. The Valley has found willing members to take offices. There is strength in those working towards occupying the position of TPGM.

All Communications of notices are by e-mail with still some requiring their notice to be mailed. The Notices, by the Grand Secretary, Ill. Bro. Bill Hilborn, 33°, include quotations from the degree to be conferred, or background information for the new candidates to read before being installed.

This year, Ill. Bro. Neil Racicot, 32°, TPGM is leading a project to organize a Master Mason Breakfast to be held in early June 2015. It is hoped that this will be the first of many to invite Master Masons to learn more about Scottish Rite.

On 9th June, it is planned to present two bursary cheques from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation to two students, Miss Christen Elyse and Mr. Rowan Dowling. Miss Elyse begins her studies in Political Science, and Mr. Dowling is working in his 3rd year towards a Bachelor Business Administration degree.

At a meeting of Vancouver Island Consistory on 14th April, 50 year pins and certificates were presented to Ill. Bro. Alan MacPherson, 32°, on behalf of Thompson Lodge of Perfection, (of which he is a charter member), and to Ill. Bro. Earle Taylor, 33° PTPGM, PMWS, a member of Victoria Lodge of Perfection.

On 1st June, I was pleased to present Ill. Bro. William Miller, 33° SGIG Emeritus, Southern Jurisdiction who was attending another masonic event that day. With him in his suite were two Scottish Rite Masons from Scotland, Ill. Bro. J. Steward Wood, 32°, Grand 2nd Lieutenant Commander, and Ill. Bro. A. Michael McGregor, 32°, Grand 1st Aide-de-Camp both members of the Grand Consistory of Scotland. Ill. Bro. Wood is the Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland, and Ill Bro. McGregor is the

Grand Recorder. The attendance was for the conferring of 32 degree on a class of 13 members.

Conclusion

The jurisdiction as a whole needs to continue whatever the Valleys are doing to bring the light of Scottish Rite to the Craft Masons – and more so, illuminating on the wide and varied virtues that the work of the degrees brings to the Mason. I continue to gain much through further in-depth reading of the degrees, and the history of the Rite. Members have to continue to do so. The Rite is a natural progress from Craft masonry. Planned meetings to introduce Masons to the Rite are a necessity today more than ever before.

Some Valleys are clearly working on office development – not necessarily through a planned program but more through regular connections with members of their Valley. To build quality it is necessary to build engaged Scottish Rite Masons. This year I have requested that at the end of each evening when conferring a degree that the candidates take home at least a copy of the lecture to read through several more times. Thanks to Thompson Valley who has been incorporating this practice for several years. The engagement of new Scottish Rite Masons will be through the ritual work. I have spoken often that a lecture for a degree could be split between two or three brethren, each taking a part of the whole. The lectures are profound, requiring more than one reading and sometimes a different – a change – of voice to grab the attention of the candidates could help. A bonus is that brethren are learning smaller parts; they may have time for that rather than memorizing the whole lecture.

For 2015-2016 plans are being made for a field day to be held in the middle of the province. And some discussions have begun about a Workshop for Scottish Rite Masons to attend, to meet with other Scottish Rite Masons, share their ideas and experiences and seek further support between Valleys. BC&Y is fortunate that even though geography is one of our dilemmas, two valleys working together to share the work of perfection has opportunities to improve the Rite

My first year as a Deputy has been a steep learning curve. No matter what books and publications I read, nothing beats building experience through solving problems. I have to thank both Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, and Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°, COO for responding to all my numerous and varied questions. And the same has to be said of Ill. Bro. Marvin Munro 33° and Ill. Bro. Michael Ward 33°. Both of the experiences as Past Deputies for the jurisdiction of BC&Y has helped me gain insight into the Valleys and past history. I also must add to the list of helpers the local support of Ill. Bro. Ray Bryant, 33°. His wit and wisdom has helped me gain knowledge and understanding.

My work as Deputy has sometimes been perplexing, always stimulating, and most assuredly, educational. I thank the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, for allowing me to serve him, and Supreme Council, as Deputy for this year.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Godfrey, 33°
Deputy for B.C. & Yukon Territory

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Report of the Deputy For  
**MANITOBA AND NUNAVUT TERRITORY**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I respectfully submit this, my first report as the Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory, on the Valley of Brandon and the Valley of Winnipeg for 2014-2015.

In submitting this report I would first like to thank the previous Deputy, Ill. Bro. Rozin Iwanicki, 33°, for his devotion to Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Canada, and for the support and encouragement he has provided me over the years.

As Ill. Bro. Iwanicki moved to Past Active status in September 2014, a significant part of this report covers events that happened under his leadership.

For the jurisdiction as a whole, we continue to support the Grand Lodge of Manitoba's efforts to ensure cooperation and harmony amongst the Masonic Family. Grand Lodge hosts bi-monthly meetings with all concordant bodies, and the Deputy or Active Member regularly attends on behalf of Scottish Rite. These meetings have strengthened fraternal ties within the Manitoba Masonic community.

As part of our support of the Masonic Family, I had the honor and pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council at the following events:

Installation of Officers of the Khartum Shrine  
Installation for the Daughters of the Nile  
The All Canada Conference of Grand Masters  
Grand Chapter of Manitoba Order of the Eastern Star Annual Session

I had the pleasure of supporting Ill. Bro. Iwanicki at the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Annual Communication.

Active Member Ill. Bro. Allan Hadley, 33°, attended the Grand Chapter of Manitoba Royal Arch Masons Annual Convocation.

As in the past number of years the Masonic Family was invited to attend the Lieutenant Governor's New Year Levee at the Manitoba Legislative Building on January 1, 2015. We were presented to the Lieutenant Governor, his Lady and the Premier of Manitoba.

**Valley of Brandon**

It was my pleasure to visit the Valley of Brandon on three occasions – September and December 2014, and February 2015.

**Membership**

The Valley experienced a small decline in membership this past year. Three Lodge of Perfection members, received in the prior year, passed through the Chapter and Consistory degrees, while two new candidates received the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. However, all

bodies experienced two withdrawals and two deaths, resulting in a loss of two members in the Lodge and one member in each of the Chapter and Consistory.

It should be noted that one of the withdrawals was for a member who was listed on the roster of both the Valley of Brandon and the Valley of Winnipeg. As the member was a life member in Winnipeg, that Valley is reporting his membership on its annual returns. Absent this administrative correction, Chapter and Consistory membership in Brandon was stable.

While we mourn the passing of every brother, we particularly feel the loss in the Valley of Brandon of Ill. Bro. Jesse Tait, a young Valley officer with great promise, a member of our Armed Forces and a veteran of Afghanistan. His unexpected passing in January grieves us greatly, and the impact of his loss on the Valley is still being felt.

### **Communication**

The Valley issues a monthly summons, with information on upcoming meetings, degrees and events. The primary method of transmission is by e-mail, although some members still receive hard copies by post. The Valley Secretary is also diligent in providing regular e-mail alerts and updates for matters of interest, or when timing precludes, waiting until the next summons.

### **Leadership**

Valley officers serve one-year terms. Because of the small size of the Valley, it is not unusual for officers to repeat chairs as needed. However, the Valley does a good job of involving new members in leadership roles.

Over the past two years the Valley has suffered the loss to the Grand Lodge Above of a number of key current and future leaders. Valley members have responded by stepping in whenever asked and by taking on additional burdens.

### **Fellowship**

The Valley holds a number of events, notably a Fish Fry in the Summer that includes families, and a post-Relighting of the Lights breakfast that includes the wives.

### **Uniqueness**

The Valley supports a scholarship provided to students at the local community college.

### **Support to the Craft**

Valley members have leadership roles in various Craft lodges in Western Manitoba, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and numerous concordant bodies.

### **Finances**

The financial affairs of the Valley are managed responsibly and the financial position of the Valley is expected to be stable in the next 5 years.

### **General**

The Valley of Brandon is a small but dedicated Valley, operating with a high degree of fellowship and good cheer. Its members maintain close ties to other Masonic bodies and the community.

There has been something of a resurgence in Craft Masonry in rural Manitoba in recent years, and the Valley of Brandon has had some success in attracting new members.

### **Valley of Winnipeg**

I had the pleasure of attending the Valley of Winnipeg on a monthly basis.

### **Membership**

After last year's disappointing lack of candidates, the Valley of Winnipeg bounced back this year with the largest candidate class in recent memory. Spurred on by the desire of a number of Masons in Northwestern Ontario and Northern Manitoba who were eager to join Scottish Rite but unable to travel to Winnipeg on a monthly basis, the Valley Council agreed to revive the use of the Reunion. Reunions have not been held in the Valley since 1994.

Having made the decision to hold a Reunion, the change in format for degree referrals was advertised widely, with the end result that the Valley conferred the Lodge of Perfection degrees on 29 candidates in November 2014. The Chapter and Consistory degrees were conferred in April 2015. While a few of the candidates were unable to attend the Reunion in April due to work and personal commitments, five additional candidates were added to the second reunion – 2 Valley candidates who had been taking the Lodge and Chapter degrees on a monthly basis, 2 Valley of Brandon candidates at the request of that Valley, and a candidate from the Valley of Regina who was unable to attend the degrees in his own jurisdiction.

While the reunions were successful from a membership perspective, they were logistically challenging and relied heavily on a handful of members to play key roles in all degrees. The Valley Council is evaluating the overall success of the Reunions to determine how frequently they will be held in the future.

### **Communication**

The Valley issues a bi-monthly summons, containing information on upcoming meetings, degrees and social events. The primary method of transmission is by e-mail, although many members still receive hard copies by post. There is also an e-mail distribution system for e-mail alerts and updates on matters of interest, or when timing precludes waiting until the next summons.

### **Leadership**

The Valley was stunned this year by the accidental passing of the Ill. Bro. Donald Beattie, 32°, a past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Senior Grand Warden in the Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection. His loss deprived the Valley not only of a fine ritualist and good friend, but left a vacancy for Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 2015-16. The Valley Council determined not to rush the junior officers through their positions to fill the gap. Consequently, several Past Thrice Puissant Grand Masters volunteered to serve in the upcoming year, and one was selected. I am grateful for the selflessness of the past officers.

Valley officers serve one-year terms. In the past it was relatively uncommon for past officers of one body to move through the chairs of the other two bodies, but it has

become much more common in recent years. As a result, all three bodies have experienced officers serving in new roles.

Incoming principal officers are responsible for identifying new officers for their respective bodies.

### **Fellowship**

The Valley holds a Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser every January. The Valley also sponsors a Luncheon Group, which has been meeting on the second Wednesday of the month for more than 50 years.

In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, the Valley held a Black-Tie Gala banquet to raise funds for the \$1 Million Capital Campaign.

### **Uniqueness**

Valley administrative affairs are executed through a Valley Council, composed of officers from all three bodies. This arrangement has been in place for years, and has been successful in ensuring that the work of the Valley is planned and executed efficiently and harmoniously.

### **Support to the Craft**

The Valley hosts an Open House for Master Masons each year. However, attendance of both members and prospective candidates has been falling in recent years, and the Valley Council has begun discussions on whether the event needs to be revised or a new method of reaching Master Masons needs to be developed.

The Valley regularly visits Masonic Lodges, particularly if a Scottish Rite member occupies the Master's Chair.

Valley members have leadership roles in various Craft lodges in Winnipeg, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and numerous concordant bodies.

### **Finances**

The financial affairs of the Valley are managed responsibly and the financial position of the Valley is expected to be generally stable in the next 5 years. The Valley experiences some financial pressure from a deficiency in the Commutation of Dues Trust Fund, and relies on fund-raising to balance its budget.

### **General**

The Valley continues to be effectively governed and executes the ritual with diligence and skill. However, the pool of committed members who dedicate themselves to leadership, ritual work and organizing is diminishing, placing an increasing burden on a core group of members. The Valley is turning its attention to determining how to engage the healthy but marginally active members that make up a large portion of the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Greasley, 33°  
Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory

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Report of the Deputy For
NEW BRUNSWICK

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada,

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys in New Brunswick.

Valley of Fredericton

Maxwell Lodge of Perfection

King Solomon Chapter of Rose Croix

Membership

Membership numbers for Maxwell Lodge of Perfection for 2014 are 138 and King Solomon Chapter Rose Croix are 116. The Valley of Fredericton made an effort to seek out brothers who had not been active and those who had not paid their dues. This effort has reduced total numbers but we continue to have a core of involved brothers. Our bodies take an active effort to promote membership in the Valley with Master Masons within the jurisdiction. We have been successful in attracting a number of new capable brothers and we are optimistic that these Brothers will take an active role in the Valley in years to come.

Communication

Most brothers are now receiving communication by e-mail. This helps reduce mailing costs and facilitates sending more information like pictures of events and presentations. E-mail also facilitates quick distribution of important messages and memorial notices. Many events are posted on the online Fredericton Masonic Hall Calendar at "Hiram.ca"

Events

The Valley of Fredericton hosted a Provincial Reunion on April 4, 2014. The reunion was dedicated to Ill Bo. Len Bishop, 33°. 13 brothers received these degrees. The Valley of Fredericton brothers that received their 14° - 18° degrees were:

- Paul Conrad
- Jonah Emery
- Korey Jennings
- Shane Walsh
- Chris Wood

Also both in April 2014 and in April 2015, as in many years in the past, King Solomon Chapter continues to observe Maundy Thursday with our observances in Valley of Fredericton.

In May 2014, brothers of the three Valley bodies in New Brunswick - Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton met in Moncton for the reception of our Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, in which a number of long service awards were presented, a banquet and an evening of musical entertainment was held.

Two new brothers joined Maxwell Lodge in 2014. Brothers Kevin Wilson and James Wisted. Both received their 14° at a Provincial Lodge of Perfection Reunion held in November in Saint John, NB.

The November Rose Croix chapter meeting was rescheduled to December 13th because of a snowstorm. After the December meeting a Christmas lunch was held at a local restaurant.

Valley of Moncton

Moncton Lodge of Perfection
Britton Chapter of Rose Croix

Membership

Membership numbers for Moncton Lodge of Perfection for 2014 are 203 and Britton Chapter of Rose Croix are 167, a slight reduction from the previous year due to death and demits. We are seeing a reduction in the age group of the new members which is in line with the members joining the craft lodges. The Valley continues to promote membership in the Valley with our Master Masons night offered to Master Masons within the jurisdiction. Our two social events during the year - Robbie Burns evening in January and an evening of country music in November was open to members and friends for a time of fellowship and also a fundraiser for the Moncton Learning Centre. There are 10-15% of our members currently in arrears greater than one year and have no intention of bringing their dues up to date. Action should be taken within the current year to rectify this situation.

Communication

Communication with the members consisted of distribution of notices, brochures, etc. by Canada Post to those members without internet access and internet access to the others. Contact has been made by phone regarding special events and steps are being taken to reactivate the calling committee to strengthen the personal contact with our membership.

Leadership

Training sessions are held by the two bodies to assist in the ritual and floor work associated with the opening, closing and the associated business activities. Rehearsals are held by the directors of the various degrees to assist in the presentation to new members.

Fellowship

The members gather in the Banquet hall after each meeting for a light lunch and conversation for a time of relaxation and fellowship before returning home.

During the past year a special evening of honoring and remembering Robbie Burns was held in January with a banquet including "the Haggis"; entertainment with several local pipers and the Dunnett School of Highland Dance. In November another social evening was held with an evening of Country music with Derek Knowles and friends.

Special Events

The Robbie Burns event and the evening of Country music were both fundraisers for the Moncton Learning Centre.

The Widows of our members were recognized at Christmas.

Assistance was provided to the DeMolay boys financially and also in assistance with their fundraising at the Atlantic Nationals Car Show.

Members of Tri-Valley's bodies in New Brunswick - Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton met in Moncton for the reception of our Sovereign Grand Commander III. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, in which a number of long service awards were presented, a banquet and an evening of musical entertainment was held.

Craft Lodge Liaison

At one time there were assigned representatives in each of the lodges in the Valley but is now operating on a more ad-hoc basis with the Scottish Rite members in each lodge or area. Consideration is being given to the re-activation of assigned representatives.

Financial Health

Both bodies are experiencing relatively fixed income and expenses which are expected to continue based on the five year outlook. A notice of motion in 2014 to increase the dues in each body by \$10.00 beginning in 2015 is expected to place our operating budget in a more favorable position with the annual dues able to cover expenses. Both bodies have investment funds available and have been drawing on them to cover expenses but are expected to change with this increase in dues.

Overall General Comments

The valley is well represented by a relatively small group of dedicated members but the effects of age and health is having a negative impact. Reactivation of the calling committee and the assignment of representatives in the Valley area lodges are viewed as two important steps to increase awareness, interest and participation.

Valley of Saint John

Saint John Lodge of Perfection

Harington Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix

New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory

Membership

On Dec 31, 2014, membership numbers for Saint John Lodge of Perfection stood at 137, a drop of 16 from the previous year; for Harington Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix stood at 130, a drop of 15 and for New Brunswick Consistory stood at 347, a drop of 38. These numbers are discouraging. The Valley has membership representatives in all the surrounding Masonic Lodges who approach new Master Masons on a face to face basis, but this decline in membership continues at an alarming rate. It is acknowledged by our presiding Officers that the content of our meetings needs improvement to foster more interest and participation. Action is being taken to improve this situation.

Communication

The notices of meetings are the primary vehicle of communication. Personal contact is made with older members and shut-ins. A lot of telephone and personal contact is also used to promote special events. Discussions both within and without meetings serve to communicate information and ideas.

Leadership

Each body has a Ritual Committee and each degree has a Director who train officers and cast members in fulfilling their duties. In particular, officers are schooled in rules of

order in conducting business meeting. Yearly planning needs attention to generate interesting meeting content. This needs the promotion and support of all Honorary Inspectors-General.

Fellowship

The social exchanges before and after meetings remain the chief ingredient of fellowship. With Consistory meetings being rotated among the Valleys, the social atmosphere during the car ride is always instructive and stimulating. The fellowship of meeting to prepare for special events is most enjoyable.

Special Events

The Scottish Rite Wine and Cheese Party at Christmas time has become traditional, bringing together members and their friends for a few hours previous to the holidays. A silent auction produces funds for the Moncton Learning Centre. Periodically, the Social Committee organizes a pot-luck supper. A rose at Easter and chocolates at Christmas are delivered to our Scottish Rite widows.

In May, we travelled to Moncton to welcome our Sovereign Grand Commander and enjoyed an evening of presentations and entertainment.

Liaison

Pamphlets are made available to Lodges and our Representatives keep in touch, always ready to speak about the Scottish Rite, the Charitable Foundation and the Learning Centres. We have extended an open offer to present a short talk on Scottish Rite at any Lodge meeting.

Financial Health

The finances of the New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory are extremely good with income over expenses amounting to \$3,000 in 2014. Such is not the case with Harington Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix or Saint John Lodge of Perfection. Harington Rose Croix realized \$1,000 income over expenses and Saint John Lodge of Perfection experienced \$1,200 income over expenses. Both bodies withdrew \$2,500 from investments which equaled the growth for the year.

Overall General Comments

The bodies will remain functional as long as a small group of dedicated members continue to attend and participate. Age and health hamper attendance. We were saddened to lose two members to the celestial abode above. Suspensions and demits accounted for fourteen lost members. We have to address this. The financial situation preoccupies the member's attention more than is desirable. As long as the rate of return remains at 8 – 9%; the investment principal remains intact, but, the situation is precarious to say the least. These bodies have been forced to withdraw a portion of the principal in some previous years. Rental of the meetings quarters is the primary expense. We are slowly addressing this problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Chesley R. Piercey, 33°
Deputy for New Brunswick

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Report of the Deputy For  
**NOVA SCOTIA, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys under my jurisdiction – Sydney and Halifax, N.S; Summerside, PEI; St. John's, NL.

**Valley of St. John's, NL**

**Membership**

Centennial Lodge of Perfection (80)  
MacGillivray Chapter of Rose Croix (73)  
Newfoundland and Labrador Consistory (64).

During the course of 2014, two Brothers were initiated in the Lodge, three Brothers joined the Chapter and four Brothers completed their 32° during the Consistory Reunion held in February. At present two applicants are waiting for the Lodge Reunion.

**Communication**

During 2014, the Valley held 8 Executive Committee meetings, 6 meetings of the Lodge of Perfection, MacGillivray Chapter of Rose Croix and the Consistory. All meetings are advertised by electronic circular and Canada Post. The attendance is exceptional considering the distance required to travel.

**Leadership & Succession Planning**

In 2014, we added two Honorary Inspectors-General to our number, and another was elected Honorary Inspector-General, to be Coroneted during the Supreme Council Sessions in September 2015. Term of office is two years

A nominating committee was struck and currently all Officers have been accepted by Valley Brethren for the coming term. The formation of the Committee to plan for the Supreme Council Sessions to be held in September 2016 is in place and actively working in that direction.

**Fellowship & Unique Charitable Activities**

Easter Services were well attended. Again this year we observed the "relighting of the lights" on Easter Saturday morning. The service was preceded by a breakfast, cooked by the Brethren and was attended by 50 of the Brethren, Widows, invited guests and families.

Once again a successful Walk-a-Thon was held in October. The proceeds of this and other fundraising efforts contributed to the Valley greatly exceeding its expected contribution to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Foundation Capital Campaign. This effort was greatly aided by the fact that the Valley was honored to have four of its contributors recognized as "Scottish Rite Charitable Fellows" for their individual contributions.

**Financial Health**

The Valley continues to enjoy a healthy financial situation. Actively pursuing dues arrears has resulted in several members bringing their membership up-to-date, and we have actually seen some of those attending meetings for the first time in a number of years. The Valley has made a sizable contribution to the Capital Campaign from investments, in memory of all past members of the Valley.

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to Ill. Bro. James H. Rowsell, 33°, Grand Secretary/Registrar, for his assistance in preparing this report.

**Valley of Sydney, N.S.****Membership**

The Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection (152)  
The Isle Royale Chapter of Rose Croix (131)

Membership is showing a growth pattern presently with 4 candidates.

**Communication**

Notices are thoughtful and informative and sent out on a timely basis through e-mail or regular mail.

**Leadership**

Year term of office.

Active executive committee planning future affairs of the Valley. Active nominating committee.

**Uniqueness**

The Valley participated in the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Deputies Bursary Program. Recipient - Town Daycare Centre, Glace Bay, N.S.

**Valley Fellowship**

Special events committee which seeks to provide education and fellowship. Planning is underway for a banquet to honor 25 and 50 year members.

**Financial Health of the Valley**

Very good.

**State of the Rite**

Leadership is strong with a succession plan in place.

I would like to thank Ill. Bro. Donald Macleod, 33°, Grand Secretary for his assistance in preparing this report.

**Valley of Summerside , P.E.I.****Membership**

Albert Edward Lodge of Perfection (68)  
Gordon L. Bennett Chapter of Rose Croix (61)  
Membership remains on a stable basis

## **Communication**

Monthly Notices

## **Leadership**

Term of office: 2 years

The HIG committee is responsible for selection of potential officers. A succession plan is in place. The quality of ritual work is of high quality which indicates strong leadership. A number of the brethren are Past Grand Lodge Officers, as a result are actively promoting Scottish Rite within the Craft Lodges.

The Valley of Summerside participated in the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Deputies Bursary Program with a presentation of \$1,000.00 to Ms. Jenna Pye, Charlottetown, PEI.

## **Valley Fellowship**

The Valley hosts a very popular, successful lobster dinner during the month of June attended by the brethren and spouses along with the Grand Master of Masons and special guests.

## **Financial Health**

Excellent

This Valley is on a very stable basis with good leadership well into the future.

I would like to express my appreciation to Ill. Bro. Robert Stevenson, 32°, Grand Secretary/Registrar for his assistance in preparing this report.

## **Valley of Halifax, N.S**

### **Membership**

Victoria Lodge of Perfection (324)

Keith Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix (317)

Nova Scotia Consistory (431)

New membership (11)

Visitations to Craft Lodges are underway to promote Scottish Rite. A very successful Master Masons Night was held, hosted by the Annapolis Valley Scottish Rite Club in the month of May.

### **Communication**

Regular summons of meetings and events are communicated via e-mail and postal service. The Valley has an up-to-date web-site informing the brethren of upcoming events. Minutes of the previous meeting are distributed via e-mail and are available at the meetings.

### **Leadership**

Term of office: 1 year with re-election for a second.

A very productive nominating committee has been introduced to seek out brethren interested in serving the Lodge in a succession of offices. Each Lodge meeting has an educational component to stimulate thought and discussion.

### **Uniqueness**

The Valley supports the "Halifax Learning Centre" and hosts a "Day of Achievement" ceremony to recognize the achievements of students and tutors. An update of the Learning Centre is reported at each of the Lodge meetings. The Valley of Halifax participated in the 2014 Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Deputies Bursary Program. Recipient is VON Colchester East Hants Adult Program.

### **Valley Fellowship**

A leadership seminar was held in September for Lodge Officers outlining the responsibilities and duties of the officers. The Valley held a Ladies Night ", Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday and Vesper Service. A very successful Golf Tournament was held in support of the Learning Centre.

### **Support of Craft Lodges**

Presentations explaining the Scottish Rite are made to Craft Lodges by the Lodge Officers

### **State of the Rite**

The executive committee is moving forward with positive leadership and insight. The Valley of Halifax is fortunate to have strong Scottish Rite Clubs from regions of Nova Scotia's mainland. Brethren from these Clubs travel great distances with presentations of various Degrees during Reunions.

### **Financial Health of the Valley**

Very good

I would like to thank Ill. Bro. Frank Gammell, 32°, Grand Secretary/Registrar for his assistance in compiling this report.

I express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to the Grand Secretary-General Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Executive Secretary Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°, Ms. Leslie Drake and Mrs. Lucy Berthoud for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Ronald MacDonald, 33°  
Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland/Labrador

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Report of the Deputy For
ONTARIO (Victor Lepp)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am pleased to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys under my jurisdiction – Chatham, Guelph, London, Niagara, Sarnia, Windsor and Woodstock.

Along with the Official Visits to each Valley, I was privileged to make a number of fraternal visits, particularly when special functions or social events were happening. It is a pleasure to see the number of inter-Valley visitations taking place – for reunions, formal events, visiting degree teams and social functions.

Valley of Chatham

Established in 1950

Membership

Chatham Lodge of Perfection (186) and Kent Chapter of Rose Croix (165). This past year shows a decrease of 10 members in the Lodge of Perfection and a decline of 9 for the Rose Croix. Chatham holds an information session each September during their annual George Morris Night, which is an informal kick-off to the second half of the Masonic year. For this event invitations are extended not only to Master Masons but non-Masons as well.

Communication

The major form of communication is through the monthly notice, a very thorough document including the usual messages from presiding Officers, announcements, and the listing of Officers and events. It also lists the complete casts of the degrees that will be covered in the next meeting. These notices are sent out via post to those members who have not signed up for the electronic version. Notices regarding events (deaths, etc.) are sent out as necessary via email.

Leadership

There is in place a Valley Executive Committee that meets twice a year, in May and October that acts as an overseeing committee when planning and scheduling larger events such as reunions. Officers have one year terms, but for continuity purposes, the Executive Committee Chair is in for two years and the Executive Secretary is in for five years. Another important function of the Valley Executive Committee is to monitor the officer line to make certain it is on course.

There is in place a nominating committee for the nominating of candidates for the position of Honorary Inspector-General and this committee is chaired by a Past Active member. The nominating committee consists of all present Honorary Inspectors-General. It usually meets once a year at the call of the chair.

There is in place a director responsible for the ritual of the 14° as well as one for the 18°. They are also responsible for setting up the practice sessions for the same.

Valley Fellowship

The George Morris Night is a most enjoyable way to end the summer hiatus and return the focus to the fall meetings. It consists of a casual steak fry and educational night for invited men to be introduced to the Scottish Rite. The invited group consists of Master Masons as well as men who are interested in Masonry in general.

In May an inter-Valley dinner is held, with Windsor and Chatham alternating as hosts and inviting members of the Sarnia and London Valleys to join them as well.

Uniqueness of Valley

Although there is much that makes the Chatham Valley unique, perhaps the most striking feature is the very special feeling and affinity that the Valleys of Chatham and Windsor have for each other. They install each other's Rose Croix Officers every year; they share an inter-Valley evening; the Honorary Inspectors-General of each Valley visit back and forth with a steak barbeque in August in Windsor and a pre-Christmas dinner in the Chatham Valley.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

A member of the Scottish Rite has been identified to be the representatives, covering all the lodges in the area. These representatives are there to offer assistance and support to Scottish Rite members in these lodges as well as to answer questions from non-Scottish Rite members in the lodges. There is currently a plan to carry out an education program in all the lodges regarding the Scottish Rite and what it has to offer. This was done three years ago and it is felt that it is time to do so again.

Financial Health

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of the members, Chatham Valley will be financially sound for the foreseeable future.

General

The Valley of Chatham is a warm, friendly place to visit. Though small in number, it is an extremely active valley. Fueled by hard work, talent, enthusiasm and dedication, their degree work is well-performed and carried out with a true sense of sincerity and enjoyment.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ill. Bro. Peter Polkinghorne, 33°, for his hard work in the office of Grand Secretary/Registrar and for all his assistance in compiling this report.

Valley of Guelph

Established in 1900

Membership

Royal City Lodge of Perfection (471). Guelph Chapter of Rose Croix (455). The Valley gained 10 candidates this year but had 11 deaths as well of which three were Honorary Inspectors-General.

As in the past, the Valley has presented the play "Journey Toward the Light" as well as held Scottish Rite information presentations in Craft Lodges. Both have been well received and produced candidates.

It should be noted that almost 100% of their candidates have gone on to Moore Sovereign Consistory. Much of this is due to the fact that Guelph continues to sponsor tours to the Hamilton Scottish Rite building and Moore Consistory and feel that this helps as the building seems to sell itself.

Communication

The Masonic Centre in Guelph has initiated a newsletter to which the Scottish Rite contributes. This helps to emphasize their presence in the masonic community.

E-mail membership continues to grow and now includes approximately 30% of the membership.

Guelph continues to expand its communications with other Valleys by complimentary candidates, sharing degree work and visiting, both more consistently and whenever possible. They have found that sharing ideas and working relationships with other Valleys is extremely beneficial to all.

Leadership

The Valley Executive as well as the General meetings are held in August and January. While attendance has not increased greatly, the discussions are both increasingly enlightening and energetic.

A change in the structure, timing and expanded participation has been created in their Honorary Inspectors-General Body. Three positions have been added, stand-alone meetings scheduled and the Ladies Night has been changed from October to June to make it easier for those who require daylight for driving.

Valley Fellowship

The Annual Barbeque held in August is continuing to grow. It is receiving greater promotion and they are also extending invitations to family and friends. Part of the success is due to hosting it on a Saturday rather than on a week night.

Guelph Valley continues to promote fund-raising events, often in co-ordination with other bodies.

Uniqueness of Valley

The Valley of Guelph extends to and includes the shoreline of Lake Huron, the Bruce Peninsula, the shoreline of Georgian Bay, cottage country, timberland, a port city, and cities noted for education and research. With this diversity in geography comes the challenge of great diversity amongst its members. One of the very positive strengths of the Valley is its ability to see this for the challenge that it is, envisioning it as an opportunity and potential that is available to them.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley is presently working at improving their communications with the Lodges. They respond to all their requests for presentations and portrayals which are increasing.

Financial Health

Both the Valley and their Masonic Centre of which they are a member, are in good shape. The Centre has reduced its fraternal assessment by almost 17%. They are being well served by their financial team who are doing great work.

General

Although it continues to be a struggle for the Valley to find participants and to improve their ritual in degree work, it is becoming apparent that as the participation of members increases, so does the attendance and retention of members. As a result, the Valley is working hard to increase participation. Working with other Valleys in sharing ritual resources is also very important for their future.

My appreciation and thanks go to Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°, for his assistance whenever requested, and especially in the preparing of this report.

Valley of London

Established in 1868

Membership

London Lodge of Perfection (1140) and London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix (1195) with 5 members joining the Lodge of Perfection but a loss of 57 through deaths and 3 joining the Chapter of Rose Croix but 51 were lost through deaths. This has been a year of severe loss for the Valley of London.

Communication

Valley communications are primarily through the Lodge and Chapter notices and the London Valley Update, which is published in January and July of each year. The Update is intended to keep the members informed of the subjects being discussed by the Lodge and Chapter Officers, the happenings in the London Learning Centre, the state of the London Consistory Club and the issues concerning the Masonic Hall Company, their masonic home for both the Scottish Rite and Craft Lodges. As space allows, other material intended to provoke reflection on masonic values is included.

Leadership

The Advisory Committee of London Valley consisting of Active and Past Active members, presiding officers, secretary and treasurers, and chairs of committees, provides oversight and direction to the bodies of the Valley. This committee also informs the membership of items of mutual concern that are discussed at their meetings. This is accomplished by publishing the results of its deliberations in the Update Newsletter. Standing Committees look after matters such as nominating possible members for receiving the Honorary Inspectors-General rank, to be recipients of the Kingsmill Meritorious Award and for organizing many of the activities in the Valley such as the Consistory Club.

Valley Fellowship

One of the strengths of the Valley of London is the number of events it holds which strengthen its fellowship bonds: The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Golf Classic; the Consistory Club Stag Barbeque held this year at the Elgin Masonic Centre; a Family Christmas Gathering and Celebration where they also hold the Learning Centre Graduation recognition of accomplishments for tutors and children; A Christmas Dinner and summer barbeque for its Supreme Council members. All of these are representative of their fellowship activities.

Uniqueness of Valley

The London Lodge of Perfection and the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix have both decided to move to a single reunion in a calendar year, the Lodge in the spring and the Chapter in the fall. Lodge has an honouree for every Reunion. This year the Honouree was Ill. Bro. Wayne Dunn, 33°.

The Valley also has an award entitled the Kingsmill Meritorious Service Award, named after a father and son who served many years as Almoners. It consists of a large gold

lapel pin and framed certificate. The recipient's name is engraved on the back of the pin. Qualifications to become a recipient echo those of the John Ross Matheson Award.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

In January the Valley had a Family of Masonry Luncheon preceding the Open Installation of the Lodge of Perfection. This luncheon included the wives, family members, non-Masonic guests and members from other Orders.

The London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix provided funding to the Masonic Hall Company (London) to cover the cost of upgrading the temple's HVAC system. This upgrade has seen the replacement of all valves and controls which now can be controlled electronically from the Company Office or from the home of an authorized member of the Masonic Hall Board. This upgrade has resulted in more comfortable lodge rooms for all those attending lodge meetings. It also means that the heating and air-conditioning can be set to begin and end at specific times rather than having to be always on or off, an economic benefit to the Masonic Hall Company.

The Valley also participated in a "Night to Honour Bill Frank" who achieved the milestone of being 70 years a Mason. Ill. Bro. Fred MacKewn, 33°, spoke on behalf of the Scottish Rite.

Financial Health

The Valley appears to be in sound financial health.

General

Unfortunately, and due to the age of its membership, London experienced a very marked drop in its membership due to deaths. Most dramatically was the death of Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council, whose influence and counsel was much appreciated, not only in London but in the surrounding valleys as well.

My appreciation and thanks go to Ill. Bro. James Ford, 33°, Grand Secretary/Registrar for the Valley for his assistance for many matters during the course of the year as well as in preparing this report.

Valley of Niagara

Established in 1923

Membership

Elgin Lodge of Perfection (373) as the result of 14 deaths, 1 suspension and 9 new members and Niagara Chapter of Rose Croix (364) due to 14 deaths, 1 suspension and 7 new members. Since 45 members in both bodies are over 85, this will certainly have an impact on the membership numbers in the not too distant future.

Communication

Three very informative summonses are sent out annually, including an attractive booklet for both the Lodge of Perfection Reunion and the Chapter of the Rose Croix Easter Ceremonies.

About 120 members are presently able to receive their notices electronically.

Leadership

One of the leading forces in Niagara Valley is the Valley Executive. The Executive Committee consists of the three principal officers of both bodies, the secretary, treasurer, almoner, degree directors, auditors and any 32° and 33° wishing to attend. It meets three times a year and its function is to make recommendations to be acted upon by both bodies. These functions include Officer Progression, financial motions, and other business that impacts on the Valley.

The spring meeting is preceded by a dinner. It is at this meeting where the following year's calendar for degree work is established and in general, it is the forum where problems are ironed out and plans are made for the future.

Presently, the Executive is encouraging the membership to support the initiative of establishing a Learning Centre in Hamilton.

Valley Fellowship

Niagara has an annual formal Ladies Night in October at a special location (i.e. Skylon Tower) and a pork or steak barbeque in August. Both of these activities include invitations to family and friends.

The Reunions of both bodies are preceded by a formal dinner for the members and candidates.

Uniqueness of Valley

Some of the unique features of the Valley include the fact that Niagara performs all the degrees from the fourth to the eighteenth in sequential order and that the Officers of Elgin Lodge of Perfection are in office for one year while the Officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix are in for two.

The Valley has also established the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Niagara Valley Scholarship Fund" in the Humanities Department at Brock University. The Valley continues to make annual contributions of \$5,000.00 to enhance the fund.

Niagara Valley has also expanded their Bursary activities to include Niagara College. The Valley also makes substantial donations to the three local Shrine Clubs which they, in turn, use for the Shrine hospitals.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

Niagara is planning a Master Mason's Night for later this year and are also reviving Third Degree Team for presenting in Craft Lodges when called upon. Present in each Lodge will be a contact person who will make available Scottish Rite information to the Lodge membership.

Financial Health

The financial statements and the investment portfolios indicate that the financial health in the Niagara Valley is strong and in the hands of good stewards.

General

Among its many strengths, Niagara Valley is known for its friendship to all who enter through its doors, its financial management, its generosity in benevolence and its

participation – whether in the members turn-out for degree presentation, education sessions or social events.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to Ill. Bro. Ronald Muha, 32°, for his assistance with the preparation of this report.

Valley of Sarnia

Established in 1966

Membership

Sarnia Lodge of Perfection (212). This past year Sarnia lost 5 members through death and gained one member through initiation. This is a concern for the Lodge, and to address this concern the Valley hosted a Master Mason's Night on May 12th. Twelve enthusiastic Master Masons attended and under the leadership of Ill. Bro. Gary Atkinson and the T.P.G.M. Ill. Bro. Michael Adam Jr., a most informative and interesting program was delivered.

Communication

A very detailed and informative notice is sent to the membership electronically and through the mail on a monthly basis. Although this is their major method of communication, emails are used when particular instructions are required.

Leadership

The Thrice Puissant Grand Master looks after the degrees and the general management of the Lodge. The Sarnia Scottish Rite Club looks after raising funds for the operation of the Lodge and the benevolence that is practiced. The new Honorary Inspectors-General are elected by a committee of all the present Honorary Inspectors-General.

The Lodge has a strong, vibrant core of Officers and about 30 members are in attendance at all regular meetings.

Valley Fellowship

In December the Sarnia Scottish Rite Club holds an Annual Christmas Dinner with the ladies. This dinner serves as a fund-raising event for their food drives. This year, in January, Sarnia Valley instituted a Robbie Burns Night held in Wyoming and which turned out to be a very successful event. The Valley also has a Curling Bonspiel that is held at the Forest Curling Club in March. It joins with Windsor and Chatham in a spring inter-Valley visitation for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Uniqueness of Valley

There are many unique things about Sarnia, but the one thing that stands out above the others is the Valley's capacity for and willingness to give to others. Through their various fund-raising efforts, such as the Christmas Banquet, Robbie Burns Night, Curling Bonspiel and other efforts, they raise enough money to help several causes. These causes include: \$500.00 bursaries each to a college and university-bound student, \$500.00 each to Lambton County and Sarnia Salvation Army to assist with their food drives at Christmas, \$1,500.00 to support the 50th Anniversary SRCF Capital Fund, and \$200.00 to St. Joseph's Hospice in Sarnia. Their willingness to help those in need is their hallmark.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

Besides the aforementioned Master Mason's night, the Sarnia Valley is joining with the Craft Lodges in their district in a local Golf Tournament, with all the proceeds from the tournament going to support St. Joseph's Hospice.

Financial Health

The financial reports and records of investment indicate that the Valley is in good shape and that those who are responsible for handling the financial affairs are good stewards in these matters.

General

Sarnia is a very warm and welcoming place to visit. Despite being small in numbers and widely spread geographically, it is most generous when it comes to giving and hard-working in their efforts to deliver good degrees and look after their membership. My thanks go to Ill Bro. Kenneth L. Kreibach, 33°, for his assistance with the preparation of this report.

Valley of Windsor

Established 1888

Membership

Windsor Lodge of Perfection (427) and Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix (400). Membership declined slightly although there were 3 members who joined the Lodge of Perfection and 4 who joined the Chapter of the Rose Croix plus 1 new member in each body through affiliation. However the Valley lost 8 members through death, and 2 through suspension.

Communication

The membership is kept very well informed through detailed monthly notices as well as e-mailed summonses. These notices are supplemented by the Pelican Newsletter, a colourful and informative document, featuring articles about the members and what is happening in their lives as well as informing the membership on what is happening in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Leadership

The Active and Past Active members of the Valley are very much involved in the administration and direction of the Valley, as well as participating in the Degrees.

The Valley Executive Team is also involved in reviewing and recommending updates to the by-laws.

Officers are on a one year term cycle.

The Honorary Inspectors-General nominating committee is involved in a continuous review, investigate and follow-up cycle.

Valley Fellowship

A number of new initiatives were started this year. Windsor held its first annual banquet with the ladies. This was so successful that the practice will be continued. Also invited to this banquet were a number of Master Masons and non-Masons. After hearing the guest speaker, Ill. Bro. James Sutherland, 33°, speak on the work of the Scottish Rite

Charitable Foundation, a number of petitions were requested, both for the Craft and the Rite.

The Valley Scottish Rite Club became more involved in arranging social events for the members of the Valley. These took place throughout the year and included participating in a Chinese New Year's Celebration, golf outings, a fish fry, tours, and participation in local events. It was also active in fundraising for their Learning Centre – all assisting in raising the level of fellowship in their Valley.

Uniqueness of Valley

This year the Valley of Windsor demonstrated the particular uniqueness of compassion – a trait that, because of the nature of the qualities we look for in members of the Scottish Rite, is present in all. This year it became a real test for the Valley. Both of its Principal Officers suffered from serious illnesses. Unfortunately, the M.W.S. passed away at the beginning of May. Throughout the struggles of these men, the members rallied, with compassion and concern in support and assistance and with true Masonic spirit, whenever and wherever they were able.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

Having examined this matter during the course of the year, the Valley is presently involved in preparing for a Master Masons Night as well as the formation of a Degree Team.

Financial Health

The financial health of Windsor is excellent. The Valley has established a Capital Fund to assist in the long term well-being of the Valley.

General

Although the average age of the membership is getting older, new members are willing to become involved in the activities of the Valley.

The Valley sponsors the Essex-Windsor Chapter of DeMolay Boys. This year these boys were invited to the Chapter of the Rose Croix where they performed their "Flag Talk". In appreciation for what the Scottish Rite has done for them, they presented the Valley with a home-made card signed by all the boys and engraved plaque expressing their appreciation.

Presently the Valley is looking forward to the 2015 Session of Supreme Council being held in Windsor with strong support from all Masons of their Valley.

My thanks and sincere appreciation goes out to Ill. Bro. Pat Chartier, 33°, Grand Secretary/Registrar for the Windsor Valley for all his assistance in preparing this report.

Valley of Woodstock

Established in 1955

Membership

Woodstock Lodge of Perfection membership (334) and Centennial Chapter of Rose Croix (275). Four new members were initiated this year. Although the membership shows a modest decline, it reflects what is happening in the Craft Lodges in the surrounding districts. Master Mason nights have been held with limited success.

Communication

Communication in the Valley is primarily through the Notice. The Notice is an extremely well-produced document that includes all the necessary information required and displayed in a most artful manner. Of special note is the Notice for the Rose Croix Easter Ceremonies. Other information dispensed to the members and between the members is usually in electronic form.

Leadership

Although offices are intended to be one year terms, Officers will often spend two years in the office due to the shortage of Officer Candidates. On the upside of this dilemma is the fact that the Officer work is extremely well done. The Valley continues in its effort to improve in this area through encouragement and planning.

Valley Fellowship

The Annual Curling Bonspiel as well as the Ladies Night, along with the dinner after the Open Installation continue to be successful time of fellowship for the members.

Uniqueness of Valley

Emphasis in the Valley is on degree work rather than other activities. All of the degrees from the Fourth to the Eighteenth are portrayed on an annual basis. This has the effect of keeping their members involved and degrees being performed at a very high level. One of the special features is the Thirteenth Degree, were due to staging constraints, the cavern scene is presented very effectively in the form of a radio play

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

An annual barbeque is held at the Lodge Hall in Innerkip in July. Members of Craft Lodge as well as members of the community attend this event, resulting in wonderful time of fellowship amongst everyone.

There are Scottish Rite representatives in every Craft Lodge, there are times when small committees visit the lodge and discussions will be held and occasionally the Scottish Rite members will form a degree team to present in the Lodge. Ultimately, the Rite members continue to be the backbone of all the Craft Lodges in the area.

Financial Health

The Valley operates on a Life Membership system. At the present time, the Valley appears in good shape. Current investments will be sufficient to ensure financial stability for 20 more years and through continued good management the Valley should be financially sound for the future.

General

The Valley has many strengths, but one is always impressed by the pride in the manner in which the degrees are performed. It is a very friendly Valley, generous in their benevolence. Their kindness is portrayed in the true Masonic spirit they demonstrate in their treatment of each other.

My appreciation and thanks go to Ill. Bro. Don Pratt, 33°, for his assistance whenever needed and particularly, in the preparation of this report.

In Closing

I express my thanks and appreciation to the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, and to the Supreme Council staff in the persons of Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°, Executive Secretary, Ms. Leslie Drake and Mrs. Lucy Berthoud for all your assistance throughout this entire year.

Respectfully submitted

Victor Lepp, 33°
Deputy for Ontario

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**Report of the Deputy For  
ONTARIO (Marvin Salmi)**

To the Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The following is my report on the state of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the following Valleys under my jurisdiction, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, North Bay and Thunder Bay for the years 2014- 2015.

We offer our deepest sympathies to the families of the Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above during the past year.

### **Valley of Thunder Bay**

Reunions were held for all three bodies of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada. The Reunion for the North Star Consistory with five candidates present was held on October 18, 2014. The 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees were portrayed in fine fashion with the 19<sup>th</sup> through to the 29<sup>th</sup> degrees communicated by Ill. Bro. Bruce Anderson, 33°, and myself. The degrees were well attended.

On February 21, 2015, the Lodge of Perfection Reunion was held with five candidates present. The 4<sup>th</sup> through to the 7<sup>th</sup>, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> degrees were portrayed and the 8<sup>th</sup> through to the 12<sup>th</sup> degrees were communicated by Ill. Bro. Maurice Hrycyk, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Bruce Anderson, 33°, and myself. A banquet was held at the Prince Arthur Hotel in the evening with 80 plus people in attendance where all enjoyed the evening.

On March 28, 2015, the Reunion of the Nanna Bijou Chapter of the Rose Croix was held with six candidates present. The 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> degrees were portrayed in fine fashion with the 16<sup>th</sup> degree communicated by Ill. Bro. Maurice Hrycyk, 33°, Ill. Bro. Bruce Anderson, 33°, and myself. In early December, a ladies Christmas celebration was held. A Master Mason's Night was held by one of the Craft Lodges and I continue to promote the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry at Lodge meetings that I attend.

The membership status for the three bodies is as follows: Lodge of Perfection is 215 with a loss of 16 members; Nanna Bijou Chapter of the Rose Croix is 196 with a loss of 18; and the North Star Consistory is 196 with a loss of 12. The Valley is financially sound.

### **Valley of Sault Ste. Marie**

I attended the Sault Ste. Marie Valley Rose Croix Reunion on March 7, 2015. The degrees were portrayed with good quality ritual. The S.G.C. Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, made his official visit to the Sault Ste. Marie Valley on this occasion. A fine luncheon was prepared by the Valley members where the S.G.C. Ill Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, spoke to the members answering all concerns and questions the members had. The Sault Ste. Marie Valley held the Lodge of Perfection Reunion at the end of October which I was unable to attend.

The Sault Ste. Marie Valley currently stands at 137 regular members and one honorary member and their financial status is stable.

### **Valley of Sudbury**

The Valley of Sudbury held the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the Lodge of Perfection on April 17 and 18, 2015, with excellent ritual portrayal of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> degrees with the communication of the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> degrees by the officers. There were five candidates in attendance. There was a Luncheon on the Saturday plus a Ladies Luncheon and a Reunion Dinner on Saturday evening which was very enjoyable.

The S.G.C. Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, will be making his visit to the Sudbury Valley on June 6, 2015, when the Sudbury Valley will be hosting a Pig Roast Fundraiser open to all. The Sudbury Valley is in good shape financially with the membership standing at 277 members, a loss of four members in the past year.

I want to thank P.T.P.G.M. Ed Bradley and his spouse, Eila, for inviting me and my wife, Sinikka, to stay with them during my visit to Sudbury.

### **Valley of North Bay**

The Valley of North Bay mourned the passing of Ill. Bro. John Lewis, 33°, the Active Member. He will be greatly missed by the Valley and Supreme Council. Ill. Bro. David Bennett, 33°, was appointed as the Active Member, a very dedicated member of the Craft.

The North Bay Valley held the Lodge of Perfection Reunion on May 1 and 2, 2015, with two candidates in attendance. Our S.G.C. Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, attended the Reunion on his official visit where the compulsory degrees were portrayed in an excellent manner culminating with a Dinner on Saturday night. The Valley has lost members during the year. Lodge of Perfection loss is 35 members down to 568 members. Rose Croix Chapter loss is 36 down to 728 members. Financially the North Bay Valley is having some difficulty with commuted dues. The return on past investments has not been very good in the past years. They are currently trying to institute dues for members.

The Valleys in Northern Ontario cover large areas making it hard to retain membership when most at a far distance cannot attend functions regularly which add to the cost for members.

I wish to thank all the Valleys for their great hospitality during my visits. Thank you very much!

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin J. Salmi, 33°

Deputy for Ontario

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**Report of the Deputy For
ONTARIO (Gareth R. Taylor)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am pleased to report on the state of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys of Barrie, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough and Toronto.

We were saddened by the passing of those Brethren whose names are inscribed in the Obituary records of these proceedings. We miss their presence at our gatherings and remember and honour their contributions to the Fraternity.

Valley of Barrie

Membership

Membership in the bodies in the Valley of Barrie stand at 1364, a decrease of 11 for the Lodge of Perfection; 1282, a decrease of 10 for the Chapter Rose Croix and 1508, for the Consistory a decrease of 1. These decreases reflect the increasing age of the Valley membership.

Spry Chapter of Rose Croix held the Easter Ceremonies at 7 locations (Barrie, Bracebridge, Newmarket, Orillia, Owen Sound, Parry Sound and Stayner) throughout the jurisdiction.

The Valley holds an Annual Masons Day scheduled for November 7th. This has proven very successful in the past.

Communication

The Valley continues to increase the use of email and other technologies to reach its membership. They are using various types of notices including e-summons, website, Facebook page, Newsletter, and educational material at reunions as communication vehicles.

The TRIANGLE, the newsletter for the Barrie Valley, is now in its 8th year of publication and is published twice a year and continues to be an excellent publication. The stories and photos publicize the activities and messages of the Rite to members in distant communities throughout the Valley's jurisdiction. In addition, the Valley of Barrie's website (<http://barrievalleyscottishrite.com/>) continues to be an excellent source of information along with the use of social media through the Valley Facebook page.

III. Bro. Robert Brethour publishes periodic reports on the activities in the Valley of Barrie.

Leadership

The Valley has a very supportive group of HIGs; officers serve a 1 year term; effective Trustees Committee; new Succession Planning Committee implemented; Officers committee has been in place and utilized effectively for many years; likewise with the HIG nominating process; strong and committed Learning Centre Board of Directors.

Valley Fellowship

The Valley of Barrie is active with a number of events.

The annual Valley 33rd Meeting was held on May 3rd with approximately 100 in attendance including 7 widows of departed members. The day included a social time, business meeting for the men, ladies program, and a delicious meal.

Cloverleaf Visits planned with the Valley of Sudbury and the Valley of Toronto.

Very active fundraising team for the Barrie Learning Centre and our new Muskoka Tutoring Rooms facility in Bracebridge (Official Grand Opening June 3rd).

Education Program expanding – focus on education and enlightenment – dedicated committee - tremendous potential.

Pig Roast continues to be a popular event – funds raised specifically for our wardrobe & props departments which has allowed us to maintain, upgrade and expand inventory.

Uniqueness of Valley

Scottish Rite Club organized a trip to Washington DC – visit to the House of the Temple (welcomed by SGC Ronald Seale) and the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Great trip!

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

There are a total of six 3rd Degree Teams around jurisdiction –very active – very successful.

Financial Health

From the information provided, the Valley of Barrie appears to be in good financial condition.

General

Valley of Barrie members are very active in supporting various fundraising initiatives – particularly for the Barrie Learning Centre. These include several charity golf tournaments; a charity hockey tournament; scotch nosings; participation in local charity bingo; Polar Bear Lottery.

The Valley has a very supportive group of HIGs.

Exciting potential in the new initiatives of the Barrie Scottish Rite Club and an Education Program.

Valley HIGs continue strong support of Supreme Council with their attendance of the Sessions.

Special thanks for Ill. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33°, Active Member from the Valley of Barrie for his continued support.

Valley of Hamilton

Membership

From a membership perspective, the Valley of Hamilton has had another relatively successful year. The positive trend of the last two or three years seems to be continuing. Murton Lodge of Perfection initiated 27 candidates compared to 28 candidates last year. The Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix initiated 31 candidates this year, exactly the same number as last year. Moore Sovereign Consistory initiated 120 candidates compared to 114 last year. It is encouraging that the number of new initiates is remaining relatively constant and in the case of Moore Sovereign Consistory is increasing.

Last year, the Valley of Hamilton initiated a major project to bring the membership rolls up to date for all three bodies. We discovered that there were a huge number of unreported deaths, demits and suspensions. As a result, we were able to remove hundreds of names from the rolls. This project has continued into the 2014-2015 year with the result that the rolls are now “under control” and returns from mailings are relatively minimal. This, along with increasing use of email will help us deal with ever increasing supply, mailing and postage costs.

Communication

The Valley issued two “Valley Talk” newsletters this year under the direction of editor John E. Thombs. The most recent issue in April featured a brief biography of King Solomon as well as a memorial to our late Grand Master Robert Edwin Davies.

Leadership

The Honorary Inspectors-General in the Valley of Hamilton held a breakfast meeting on Saturday September 20, 2014 under the direction of Ill. Bro. George Benton to continue the discussion on the role of the thirty thirds in the Hamilton Valley. The meeting was well attended and there was a lively discussion. On November 28, 2014, the thirty-thirds in the Valley held their annual Christmas Dinner. There were eighty-five people in attendance which is considerably more than we have seen in recent years. This function always includes spouses and widows.

Valley Fellowship

Once again, Santa’s first stop of the 2014 Christmas season was at 4 Queen Street South in Hamilton on December 6 for Breakfast at the Rite. As always, the function was well attended by Masons and Non-Masons alike along with their children and grandchildren.

Our Deputy for Ontario, Ill. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, made his official visit to the Valley of Hamilton during the Spring Assembly of the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 2, 2015. He addressed the candidates and all the members

present after a delightful evening meal. His talk covered various aspects of the four Rose Croix Degrees and was most interesting and informative.

The Valley held its annual Golf Tournament on July 8, 2014 at Carlisle Golf and Country Club. Unfortunately, just prior to tee-off, the skies opened and the tournament had to be cancelled due to the course being closed for safety reasons. The weather did brighten up later in the day and a number of golfers were able to get at least some golf in. Despite the meteorological aberrations, over two thousand dollars was raised for the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. This year's tournament was again held at Carlisle Golf and Country Club on Saturday June 27, 2015. Unfortunately, the weather was uncooperative again and the tournament was rained out. A few hardy souls did play a few holes. However, the event proved to be a success with over \$4,000 being raised on behalf of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

The annual Murton Lodge of Perfection ladies night officers' dinner was held on Friday, June 12 at the Erie Beach Hotel in Port Dover. This is always a popular function. The Erie Beach Hotel is particularly noted for its excellent perch and pickerel.

On Saturday, June 6, the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix held its annual picnic at the home of Past Most Wise Sovereign Rick Skinner. For many years, this function was held at the home of Pat Lowry, the widow of Past Most Wise Sovereign Les Lowry. Last year, Pat indicated that she didn't feel she was able to host the function any longer. Sadly, she passed away in late April. Many people in the Hamilton Valley have fond memories of the many wonderful picnics hosted by Pat.

The Scottish Rite Club has had an active year as well. The club has run two Cigar Symposiums, a Cask Night, a week of Christmas Buffet Luncheons, the ever popular scotch Tasting Night, as well as a Valentines Dinner, a Murder Mystery night, an Illusionist Evening, a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and a Mother's Day Luncheon.

Uniqueness of Valley

As mentioned above the Officers of each body serve 2 year terms in each position. The other unique feature is Moore Sovereign Consistory which is the Consistory home for over 10 Valleys in Southern Ontario.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley of Hamilton had an extremely successful Master Mason's Night on Wednesday April 29, 2015. Under the able chairmanship of Ill. Bro. Ken Brisbois, the evening was well received. Approximately forty "packages" were given out to prospective new members. Ill. Bro. Rory Jones acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Much of the success is due to Rory's always capable leadership and his outstanding knowledge of the history of the Scottish Rite. Next year's function will be held on Wednesday March 30, 2016. Ill. Bro. Jones has agreed to act as Chairman.

Financial Health

From the information provided the Murton Lodge of Perfection appears to be in good financial health. At the time of preparation of this report the financial return for the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix and Moore Sovereign Consistory have not been filed.

General

The Valley of Hamilton through Towers Inc., the corporation that holds the property for the three bodies, has been able to continue upgrading our spectacular property. The largest project over the past year was the complete repaving of the parking lots.

Towers continues to look at a number of necessary projects including the re-carpeting of the Cathedral and the stabilization and repair of the large wrought iron fence that surrounds the property.

Four brethren from the Valley received their thirty-third degree at the annual session of Supreme Council in Halifax in September of 2014. We extend our congratulations to Ill. Bros. Kris D. Nickerson, Lanny R. Salmon, R. James Stewart and Edward C. McKay.

Three brethren from the Valley have been nominated to receive their thirty-third degree in Windsor this September. Our congratulations go out to Ill. Bros. Victor J. Abraham, Gary W. Magwood and Thomas R. Marshall.

The Valley of Hamilton has three Active Members of Supreme Council, Ill. Bros. Allard B. Loopstra, Robert S. Whitmore and Victor Lepp. Once again, we thank them for their ongoing dedication and contribution to the Valley. We look forward to the upcoming year with great anticipation.

Valley of Kingston

Membership

Membership in the Kingston Valley continues to decline as unfortunately, deaths and demits outpace the number of new members joining.

This May six brethren received their 14th degree and one received his 18th and 32nd degree. In June we will have 7 brethren receiving their 4th degree. These brethren well represent the geographical make up of our Valley. This is in part due to the fact that we have 33 degree masons actively promoting Scottish Rite in the craft lodges in the Belleville, Kingston and Brockville regions of our Valley.

Communication

The main form of communication is the regular notice of meetings. The Valley is beginning to make use of email to send out these notices in an effort to reduce costs.

Leadership

The Kingston Valley has a very active executive committee which meets a minimum of 3 times a year. In the past year, we have rewritten our by-laws to make them compliant with changes to the regulations dealing with not for profit organizations. We have also taken better control of our finances. We are making sure our investments are producing the desired returns. We are fortunate to have some key individuals who have been able to give us good direction over the past year.

Valley Fellowship

Normally our Valley has a ladies night. It did not happen this last year because of unforeseen circumstances, but will be reinstated in December 2015. Our regular visit to Brockville and Belleville were once again a great success. These evenings are well attended and well enjoyed.

Uniqueness of Valley

One unique quality in the Valley is that they move between Brockville, Belleville and Kingston to do degree work. Our trip to Brockville in the spring was very successful and they are working to make our fall trip to Belleville as equally successful.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley has tried to attract new membership by participating in Lodge open houses. So far they have done one this year and hopefully more in the fall. This is an area the Valley needs to be more active in.

Financial Health

Financially, Kingston Valley is in good shape. There is no need to increase dues and a very good banquet can be provided at all regular meetings at minimal cost.

General

In closing Kingston Valley like other Valleys is facing a lot of challenges. We feel that they have the ability and resources to identify, address and overcome these challenges. Special thanks to Ill. Bro. John Trousdale, 33°, Active Member and to Ill. Bro. Donald R. Thornton, 33°, Past Active Member for their continued support.

Valley of Ottawa

Membership

The Valley has 532 members - stable since last year, 385 in Lodge, 368 in Chapter and 446 in Consistory.

They had 15 Candidates - one of whom was only able to enter Lodge this year. They had 10 deaths, 7 suspensions (Dues) and 11 demits - mostly by executors for Alzheimer cases.

Classes have been a healthy size for the last two years (12 and 15) but still lose more than are gained. There are two principal avenues of recruitment, the Scottish Rite degree team, which does 3rd degrees in craft lodges four times each year — two fall, two winter/spring, two in Ottawa 1 and two in Ottawa 2, two city, two rural. The next scheduled degree is in Pembroke in September. In the coming months they hope to spread out to other districts that make up the Valley. Each event for the degree team is an opportunity to promote Scottish Rite. The Valley usually holds a Master Masons night but this year they opted for an open Allegory, which was extremely well attended. They invited children and wives as well so Scottish Rite would seem a little less mysterious to the whole family. The event was a success in terms of exposure to a large audience but don't yet know the verdict in terms of attracting applications. Given the large turnout, the plan is to repeat the open Allegory in 2016.

Communications

Summonses are sent 4 times per year - about half by email. Those on email receive a message about a week before each meeting night. The Valley now reaches about half of our membership electronically and continue to make efforts to persuade others to give us email addresses so we can save postage and communicate with them more often. They are sent "teaser" messages hinting at the content of the upcoming degree, providing information on dress, socials after, transportation assistance, etc. The teasers

are well received but don't result in higher attendance. The Valley has an active website which receives plenty of "hits" and is used for pictures and messages. Plans are underway for a newsletter for 2015-16 with issues in the fall winter and spring. This will be an electronic publication with a few hard copies available at the desk before degrees. The objective is two-fold; to show members what they are missing by not attending and to provide information about upcoming events. It will rely heavily on pictures.

Leadership

The Valley Executive Committee continues to work well. This body, which meets four times a year, makes the administrative decisions to keep the Valley operating, such as ensuring directors for degrees are in place, setting a budget for Valley approval, etc. A sub-committee of the Executive is Valley Renewal, a group that explores ideas for making the Valley both active and attractive. There was consideration of moving to a two-year cycle for both degrees and terms of office, but decided against it. They select a representative of each of the three bodies to work with an Executive Committee coordinator to recruit new officers and cast members from recent classes. This year at installation they had several new faces and all offices were filled. Our 33rds make up the majority of the audience at degrees and the Active and Past Active members have attended virtually all Rite gatherings over the year. Three 33rds were appointed to work with the Active Member to nominate new HIGs. This year a new position was created by the appointment of a coordinator for lights and swords who did an excellent job of filling the ranks.

Fellowship

In the fall the Valley supported a bold initiative in a production of Mozart's Masonic Journey. An opera company provided the music and vocals to The Magic Flute, while Alan Arbuckle provided the narration and Scottish Rite masons helped swell the audience. One of the members, Ill. Bro. John Forester was instrumental in creating the production and in playing a major role.

The Valley has instituted a Ride-to-the-Rite program this year for those needing help with transportation, but despite steady promotion, there was virtually no take up.

This year they have introduced members of the casts in the degrees before the performance and have reminded the members in the audience of the signs to be used so anyone who has not attended lately won't be embarrassed.

Banquets are held around the 14th and 30th degrees and Maundy Thursday. This year they moved a few of the planned socials to the dinner hour and offered members soup and sandwiches before the degree rather than coffee and sweets after. The soup 'n sandwich events have been well attended and will be continued next year. The 33rds association holds a BBQ each summer and a fall dinner.

Ottawa held two education nights this year. The first was a presentation by Alan Arbuckle on Albert Pike and the second was one on Windows 10 by one of the members who works in the field of computers, ably assisted by the Executive Secretary. Each year the Valley names a class honoree and for the last two years have asked these members to brief the class before each degree and answer their questions.

In terms of charity, our emphasis this year has been on the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's campaign to raise \$1 million to mark its 50th anniversary. Alan Arbuckle has addressed this in speeches, summons messages and email appeals, while the immediate Past Active followed up on a lead with alacrity and obtained a \$5,000 donation from the Tunis Shriners. However, donations from individual members have lagged.

Uniqueness of Valley

The Valley continues to develop a program of fraternal visiting. This year three members journeyed to Peterborough May 11th for their MM Night and Deputy's official visit. Three also attended the 14th degree in Kingston May 21st. In February, a larger contingent went to Brockville to see the Valley of Kingston perform the 12th degree. In our 32nd degree, tents and standards are manned by our friends from the Valley of Kingston.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley also established a Scottish Rite degree team, under the direction of Ill. Bro. Sam Kalinowsky, Past Active Member, to perform the 3rd degree in craft lodges. Each evening included a brief presentation of the Scottish Rite. One lodge, St. Andrews, hosted an evening on Scottish Rite and York Rite at their DDGM visit which was well attended, especially by AASR brethren who came out to support their Active Member.

Financial Health

At the time of preparation of this report the financial return for the Valley of Ottawa has not been filed for this year.

General

The Valley of Ottawa has been undergoing rejuvenation in the last several years. The efforts to reach out to Craft Lodges, the Renewal Committee and the support from the HIGs of the Valley are to be commended.

Special thanks to Ill. Bro. Alan Arbuckle, 33°, Active Member for his support and efforts promoting the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Ottawa.

Valley of Peterborough

Membership

Membership in the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection stood at 749 as of December 31, 2014. In the last year, the Lodge of Perfection had ten candidates receive the 4th degree and one person affiliated. Against this, thirty-three members died and five were suspended.

The Chapter Rose Croix has a membership of 739 and had five candidates receive the 15th degree and one person affiliated. Thirty of its members died and two were suspended.

Membership initiatives include the Annual Master Masons Night, held this year in conjunction with your Official Visit on May 11, 2015. It attracted a number of Master Masons and several have expressed interest in becoming members of the Scottish Rite. Features of the evening were the address of the Deputy, video presentations, partial

degree portrayals and explanatory comments and closing remarks. Much good feedback has been received regarding the evening, from Master Masons and existing members of the Rite.

It is noted that the current membership data has not been submitted at this time.

Communication

The Valley summons remains the major mechanism for the distribution of information concerning the Valley and its activities. The summons now has a number of pages devoted to news of upcoming events. There is also a website maintained by the Valley and a Valley liaison to the Rite's Communication Committee has been named. A special mailing regarding the membership survey was accomplished most recently.

Leadership

The presiding officers and the officers of each of the constituent bodies discharge responsibilities consistent with the installation and investiture ceremony and the by-laws of the Valley. An Administrative Council composed of the presiding officers, the next senior officers in each body, the immediate past presiding officers, the Active member and six elected HIGs as well as the Grand Secretary and Treasurer act in an advisory capacity to the presiding officers. This composition allows for the education of senior officers, the involvement of HIGs on a rotational basis and for the support of the presiding officers in dealing with administrative issues. The HIGs on the Council are elected for three year terms with two being newly elected each year.

Valley Fellowship

The major event is the Annual Golf Tournament held at the Warkworth Golf Club each August. This event attracts members and non-members from various areas and has developed into a significant fundraising event supporting the Barrie Learning Centre. The Valley members of Supreme Council hold an annual meeting in the spring and a Ladies Night banquet in the fall. A fund raising memorial banquet has been held in the past and on November 6, 2015 a special banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn on George Street in Peterborough to mark the Official Visit of the Sovereign Grand Commander to the Valley. This event will be open to all Masons given the significant involvement of the Sovereign Grand Commander in the life of Grand Lodge over a considerable number of years.

Uniqueness of Valley

One interesting feature is that Valley membership is split between two different consistories yet the brethren continue to work seamlessly in harmony in the work of the Valley and to visit these consistories in support of each other.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Scottish Rite 33rd degree team will confer any of the craft degrees in craft lodges when requested. Most recently, the team attended in Picton in Prince Edward District to confer the third degree on the grandson of Ill. Bro. Frank Groves, who is himself a candidate for the conferral of the thirty-third degree in Windsor.

In addition to these events, the members will attend and present educational material regarding the Rite in craft lodges. Planning is presently underway to attend Norwood

Lodge in September and present a programme of information to its members and those attending as visitors, hopefully some from Campbellford-Hastings Golden Rule Lodge. This particular evening will ensure knowledge of the Rite will be supplied to those lodges whose meetings conflict with the usual date set for the Master Masons Night.

Financial Health

At the time of filing this report the Annual Financial returns had not been filed. However, the Valley does have substantial funds in investments but most are designated in the commuted fund and, therefore, are not available for operational purposes apart from the formula set out in the regulations. The Valley has a reliable source of operating funds and is in good financial condition. There is also a re-examination of the Valley by-laws on-going which will assist this and other areas of Valley operation

General

The Valley of Peterborough has a very enthusiastic group of HIGs who support the work of the Valley. It is encouraging to see the Classes gradually increasing in number along with the very successful Master Mason nights.

Special thanks to Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°, Active Member from the Valley of Peterborough for his support.

Valley of Toronto

Membership

In the last year, there were 52 new members of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection and 30 new members of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix. The membership count for the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection currently stands at 1969 and the Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix at 1695. Overall membership declined slightly due to deaths, demits and suspensions.

The Annual Master Mason evening held in May is now in its 14th year. It has proven to be an invaluable asset as part of the membership recruitment initiative of the Valley.

Communication

The Valley has also actively pursued the use of electronic distribution of Summons and other notices to its membership. Email addresses are now available for over 41% (793 members) of the Valley. Of these, 688 Lodge of Perfection summonses sent by email, and 579 for Rose Croix members receiving all material electronically. We hope that increased use of electronic communications will provide the Valley with considerable savings over the next few years.

The Valley of Toronto continues to produce the *Toronto Valley News* in the Spring and the Fall with Ill. Bro. Terry Sleightholm, 33°, as the Editor.

The Valley of Toronto continues to utilize its website (www.valleyoftoronto.com) including a calendar system with the degree and rehearsal dates available.

In addition, all members that the Valley has email addresses for receive a reminder of the upcoming degrees. This has proved to be quite successful.

Leadership

The Valley has an Officer Nominating Committee and extensive participation of Active and Past Active members of Supreme Council.

The HIGs are engaged in the Valley through the Advisory Council. This has proved to be a useful forum for a variety of workshops and other activities.

Valley Officers serve 1 year terms.

Valley Fellowship

Last June the 33° Brethren of the Valley of Toronto gathered for a very special evening with their Ladies to introduce those who will be honoured at Supreme Council in September. There are over 90 in attendance for the evening which is highlighted by the entertainment.

This year the Valley decided to hold a special Black Tie Gala in support of the 50th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and combine the traditional Robbie Burns Dinner held in January with the 33rds dinner held in June. The Gala was held on June 20th with 142 in attendance. It was an excellent evening, with Ill. Bro. Allard Loopstra, President of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation saying a few words, the acapella group Cadence as the entertainment and a silent auction to help raise funds for the Foundation.

The Oshawa Scottish Rite Club, composed of members from the Toronto Valley continues with their tradition of holding a Strawberry Social in the Spring and a Turkey Supper in the Fall. These very pleasant events attract Masonic brethren and their ladies from across Southern Ontario.

The Valley is taking strides to recognize the members who have achieved 25, 50 and 60 plus years in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. At the 14th Degree in January and the May Lodge of Perfection Reunion, members with 60 years, 50 years and 25 years of service were recognized.

Uniqueness of Valley

The Valley offers degrees in both the reunion format and also the more traditional format of being spread over several months. The Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection starts in October and ends with the 14th Degree in January while the Lodge of Perfection Reunion is held in May. The Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose continues the degrees in February and ends at Easter. The Rose Croix Reunion is held in November. This combination has proved to be quite successful in offering candidates options as to when they can take their degrees.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley Membership Committee has representatives from each the 5 Great Toronto Area Districts as well as from Ontario District. These District Representatives in turn have contacts in many of the over 100 Craft Lodges within these Districts. This allows good promotion of the Scottish Rite within these Districts.

The Valley held its annual Master Mason Night on Thursday May 21. There were over 60 Master Masons present along with 80 Valley Members and guests. The Master

Masons were informed about the Scottish Rite and saw a presentation of the second half of the 16th Degree.

A Scottish Rite Degree team has been formed and a 1st degree was put on at Blackwood Lodge No. 311 G.R.C. in June. It is interesting to note that the Lodge is named after Thomas Blackwood who was the first Most Wise Sovereign of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix. Further visits of the Degree Team are being scheduled for next year.

Financial Health

The Valley of Toronto is in good financial health at this time. The Trustees meet with the investment council several times a year to review the portfolio for the Valley. An actuarial study was commissioned four years ago to assess the commuted funds and they were found to be adequate at that time.

General

A major challenge for the Valley is travelling in Toronto. The membership is widely distributed over the Great Toronto area and traffic gridlock is becoming more and more of an issue for many members trying to attend meetings.

Special thanks to the Active and Past Active Members of Supreme Council from the Valley of Toronto for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gareth R. Taylor, 33°
Deputy for Ontario

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### **Report of the Deputy For QUEBEC**

To the Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is a pleasure to report on the current state of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Province of Quebec.

We are enjoying an enthusiastic influx of younger Brethren as was witnessed by the reception and Gala Evening for the Sovereign Grand Commander on the occasion of his official visit to Montreal on May 28<sup>th</sup> of this year. We had a joint meeting of the French and English bodies, where the Sovereign Grand Commander had the pleasure of presenting Ill. Bro. Philippe Decelles with his fifty year pin and Jewel. As an historical note Ill. Bro. Philippe was Deputy of Quebec at the turn of the millennium and to a great extent was responsible for the birth of our French Scottish Rite bodies. The late Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Bro. Glenn Martin worked closely with Phil to achieve this historic change. The French bodies are now thriving and produce at least half of all our new members.

Ritual work is at a high level in the Province. The French bodies are no longer reading the ritual other than in exceptional cases and the quality is becoming inspirational. The English bodies which have over one hundred years to their credit have always and continue to produce ritual work which is the envy of all other Masonic bodies in the province.

This past spring we hosted the Sovereign Grand Commander in the Valley of Quebec on the occasion of the Maundy Thursday ceremony. It all took place at the Quebec City Masonic Temple which predates confederation, in the walled city, a stone's throw from the Chateau Frontenac. The work was done bilingually as it has been in recent years, with French and English brethren each working in their own languages. The evening was a great success socially and Masonically. The work of Ill. Bro. André Lebeuf, Grand Secretary of the local body, is to receive the highest commendation from both an organizational and culinary perspective.

We had the pleasure of seeing our Sovereign Grand Commander award a fifty year jewel and pin to Ill. Bro. Ralph Atkins and a sixty year pin and jewel to Ill. Bro. Gerald G. Armstrong.

Financially all Scottish Rite Valleys in Quebec are sound and making good progress regarding membership.

Je tiens à remercier notre actif membre Ill. Frère Jean Reed pour ses efforts au cours de l'année. Je suis sûr que dans ses mains le Rite Ecossais au Québec sera prospère. I must also thank our Grand Registrars, Ill. Bros. John Leide, Mario Cotton, and André Lebeuf, for their important contributions.

I wish further to thank Ill. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, Grand Secretary General, and Ken Rutherford for their assistance and wise counsel, and our office staff, Leslie Drake and Lucy Berthoud without whose help, things would certainly grind to a halt.

Finally I would like to thank our Sovereign Grand Commander and this Supreme Council for allowing me the privilege of serving my brethren in Quebec as their Deputy. It has given me immense personal satisfaction to witness and participate in the progress we are making in Quebec.

Respectfully submitted

James S. Ross, 33°  
Deputy for Quebec

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**Report of the Deputy For
SASKATCHEWAN**

To the Supreme Council 33 Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in

the Valleys under my Jurisdiction, namely Saskatoon and Regina.

Along with official visits to each Valley, I made fraternal visits for Reunions, Installations, Christmas celebrations, and Degree Team visits to Craft Lodges.

Valley of Saskatoon

Membership

The Valley of Saskatoon consists of The Saskatoon Lodge of Perfection (151 members), Saskatoon Chapter of Rose Croix (144 members), and Saskatoon Consistory (139 members). Each body had 6 new members, and the Valley had 1 death (with membership in all three bodies) for a net gain of 5.

Communication

Regular Lodge notices are sent out to cover a two month span. Most of our notices are now sent out by e-mail. Those wishing hard copies receive them. Special notices are sent by e-mail, or regular mail for Reunions. We only confer Degrees at Reunions in February (Perfection), Easter (Rose Croix), and October (Consistory). E-mail notices are sent out as reminders for Executive Meetings, practices, or any special meeting, as required.

Leadership

In the last few years, Saskatoon has been fortunate to have no overlap of officers in all three bodies except for Secretary-Treasurer and Almoner. Most of the Honorary Inspectors-General take an active role in the degree work as participants or Directors. They are hardworking and provide both leadership and mentoring roles.

Valley Fellowship

At the Consistory Reunion in October, Regina members come to Saskatoon to assist with the Tents and Standards. Likewise, some Saskatoon members go to Regina and assist with the work in their 32nd degree. In the past few years Regina has requested the Saskatoon 24th degree travelling team to go and portray the 24th degree. This travelling team is now in negotiation with Panama City, Florida, to portray the 24th Degree towards the end of March, 2016. Naturally, we will keep the Sovereign Grand Commander informed of our negotiations.

Uniqueness of Valley

The Saskatoon Valley has a high percentage of younger thirty-thirds. As long as I have been Deputy, I have tried to elevate a younger member, and then a more mature member. The ritual work is very good, but we are lacking in social activities. In January, we have an Installation Banquet in the evening (which follows the installation of officers in the afternoon). The ladies are invited, as well as the Fraternal Ladies. The Fraternal Ladies are picked up by Lodge members, escorted and taken home again. They are all introduced, given all courtesies, and presented with a small gift as a token of our appreciation for their attendance. This has proven to be a very successful evening, but that is all we do. We need to do more.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley of Saskatoon has a Second Degree team, which confers the Second Degree in full costume. They portray this Degree in and around Saskatoon. Many of the

members of this degree team are younger members who do excellent work. This has a lasting impression on the members of those Lodges who are not members of the Scottish Rite. It also helps that many of our Scottish Rite members are regular attenders of their own Craft Lodges (including five Grand Masters). In 2014-2015 we have conferred six Fellow Craft Degrees in Craft Lodges.

Financial Health

The Auditors Report indicates that this Valley is in a good financial position, and I know that our Secretary-Treasurer is fully competent, and does an excellent job.

General

The Valley of Saskatoon is an excellent place to visit. The environment in the room is warm and friendly. The more mature brethren are willing to give the younger ones a chance, even to make mistakes, and learn by them so they improve. As stated earlier, the thirty-thirds are hardworking and co-operative. This positive attitude has done, and will continue to serve the Valley of Saskatoon well. I am extremely proud of the financial contributions made by the Valley of Saskatoon towards our Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation in helping to attain the Million Dollar goal.

Valley of Regina

Membership

The Regina Lodge of Perfection consists of 307 members, with 6 initiates and 8 deaths, the Regina Chapter of Rose Croix has 294 members, with 6 initiates and 7 deaths, and the Saskatchewan Consistory has 270 members with 6 initiates and 66 deaths. This was an overall average loss of 6 members.

Communication

The major form of communication is through monthly notices, again mostly by e-mail with some mail outs for those who don't have computers. The Regina Valley, like Saskatoon, portrays degrees at Reunions three times a year (Fall, Easter and Spring). Reunion notices are complete with cast members, officers, and of course candidates.

Leadership

Although there is very little overlap of officers in the three bodies, there is difficulty at times in getting those officers to commit. Of course, there are very experienced Actives and Past Actives in this Valley, as well as, hardworking Honorary Inspectors-General. I am pleased this year to report that the Lodge of Perfection has a few new officers, starting with the Thrice Puissant Grand Master, and they portrayed the Fourteenth Degree to the best of their ability. I am also pleased to report the Nominating Committee has presented me with a name for Honorary Inspector-General, which will be put forward in Windsor.

Valley Fellowship

On the Saturday of the Perfection and Consistory Unions, a sumptuous lunch is held for the members in the lower hall of the Masonic Temple. In late November, a Christmas dinner and Fraternal Ladies Night was held at the Italian Centre, for the first time. This is a wonderful occasion, full of goodwill, good food, fellowship and some degree of excitement over the approaching Christmas Season. The turnout for this occasion has

been excellent.

Uniqueness of Valley

As mentioned previously, Saskatoon and Regina visit back and forth and help each other in the portrayal of the work. This provides an opportunity for goodwill and fellowship which both Valleys enjoy.

Valley's Connections to and support of Craft Lodges

A majority of the members of the Regina Valley are active members and officers in the Craft Lodges in their area including three Grand Masters.

Financial Health

This Valley is in good shape financially, with an excellent Secretary and Treasurer at the helm.

General

The Valley of Regina is a place where visitors are welcomed with open arms, and their hospitality is second to none. As stated previously, I am pleased to see that younger men have been advanced to office and this year a recommendation for promotion of a deserving brother to the exalted position of Honorary Inspector-General.

In Closing

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Grand Secretary General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, and to the Supreme Council staff in the persons of Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, COO, Ms. Leslie Drake and Mrs. Lucy Berthoud for all your assistance throughout the year.

Respectively submitted

Bill Fitzsimmons, 33°
Deputy for Saskatchewan

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*Rejoice ye dead, where'er your spirits dwell
Rejoice that yet on earth your fame is bright,
And that your names, remembered day and night,
Live on the lips of those who love you well.
~ Robert Bridges*

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ILL. BRO. WILLIAM SEFTON **BAND**, 33°
PAST ACTIVE MEMBER



Born Sept 12, 1921 Died: April 22, 2015. Brother Tom Band passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on April 22, 2015 at St. Michael's Palliative Care Centre.

Brother Band was initiated in Coronation Lodge #72 on October 2, 1950, Passed: November 9, 1950, Raised: December 14, 1950. Brother Band affiliated with Lethbridge Lodge #39 and was Worshipful Master there in 1971. He was District Deputy of District #7 in 1984 - 1985.

Brother Band joined the Lethbridge Valley in 1968 received his 32° from South Alta Consistory on November 8, 1969 and in 1976 was TPGM of Lethbridge Valley and MWS of Chinook Chapter Rose Croix in 1983 - 1984. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General on September 11, 1986 and crowned an Active Member on September 11, 1986. Brother Band was elected Deputy for Alberta and the N.W. Territories on September 2, 1992 and served in that position till 1998.

Brother Band was the Alberta representative and chairman of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation for many years.

Brother Band was a mainstay of the Lethbridge Valley, participating in many of the degrees as cast member, director and Masonic resource. Tom could always be counted on to visit other valleys for their reunions and degrees and would gladly lend a hand where required. He was very active in the craft lodge and the valley till his early nineties and will be much missed by all.

Brother Band was also member of the Royal Arch, the Royal Order of Scotland, Eastern Star, Al AZHAR Temple and Past President of the Lethbridge Shrine Club.

Brother Band was born on September 12, 1921 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the first son of Art and Jennie Band. He was followed 3 years later by his brother Jim, now residing in New Westminster, B.C. After graduating high school in 1940, he joined the RCMP at the age of 18. He served with the Force until pensioned in 1965 at the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his retirement from the RCMP he worked for the City of Lethbridge as a personnel officer.

He met his wife Vera at a bowling alley in Drumheller in 1942. She followed him to Wainwright then Camrose and Westlock. After special dispensation from the RCMP, they were married on October 10, 1947. Life in the RCMP took them to Coronation, Okotoks, Brooks, Calgary and finally to Lethbridge in 1961. Vera passed away in 1996 after braving a lengthy illness.

Tom and Vera adopted two children, James and Patricia. Jim followed in his father's, grandfather's and uncle's footsteps and joined the RCMP, creating a legacy of 3 generations of Band men in the Force. He married Colleen Wince in 1973 and was

stationed in Powell River, B.C. at the time of his passing in 1974 at the age of 23. Colleen was remarried to Brian Luco and they had two children, Shawn (Martine) and Erin. Shawn and Erin inherited a third set of grandparents in Tom and Vera and were loved dearly by them.

Two grandsons, Robert and Patrick (Ashley) Shackleford are the children of Tom and Vera's daughter Pat, a registered nurse residing in Lethbridge. 'Gramp' never missed a school Christmas concert, piano or guitar recital or soccer or volleyball game. He was his grandsons' #1 fan, observing from bleachers or from a lawn chair on the soccer pitch. Rob, Patrick and Ashley were the great joy of his life. He was so very proud of all that they had accomplished.

Tom was very active in his community and his church. He had a long and outstanding Masonic career and was Past President of the Lethbridge Shrine Club and a member of the Shrine Oriental Band. He was Governor of the Lethbridge Juvenile Hockey League, Past Director of Crime Stoppers and a member of the Canadian Legion. Spike, his companion pug, was a volunteer in the pet visitation program at the Chinook Regional Hospital. Tom and Vera had many dear friends across the country, almost all of whom Tom outlived.

ILL. BRO. JOHN WILLIAM LEWIS, 33°
PAST ACTIVE MEMBER



Ill. Bro. John William Lewis, 33°, passed away peacefully at the North Bay Regional Health Centre, on Monday, December 22, 2014, at the age of 66 years, following a battle with cancer.

John was born in St. Thomas, Ontario on July 29, 1948 to parents John and Catherine Lewis (nee Shipway). He was a graduate of the University of Windsor.

John began his career in 1971 with the Canadian YMCA serving as A/CEO in St. Thomas, and as CEO in Yarmouth Nova Scotia, Chatham, Ontario and North Bay, retiring in 2003. He also worked in a retirement career with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General serving as a court Registrar in the Superior Court of Justice until 2013.

John was initiated into Parthenon Lodge No. 267 GRC on February 13, 1985; passed on April 10, 1985; and raised on May 22, 1985. He affiliated with Nipissing Lodge No. 420 GRC on moving to North Bay on May 11, 1987.

John was a member of The Lodge of Perfection and The Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of North Bay and Chatham. He served as TPGM in 1994 and MWS in 1992-93 in the Valley of North Bay. He served currently as the Gr. Secretary Registrar for the Valley of North Bay. John was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Montreal on September 17, 1998 and was elected and crowned an Active Member of Supreme Council on September 19, 2009, at the 135th Annual Sessions of Supreme Council held in Hamilton, Ontario.

He was a member of Rameses Shriners and the North Bay Rorab Shrine Club where he served as President in 1995 and 2007 as well as being active in the Cycle Unit. He was initiated as a member of The Royal Order of Scotland in 2010.

In 1970 he married Nancy Marie Knight and they have two children, John (Cheryl) of Brampton and Greg (Marni) of Newcastle and six grandchildren.

He was very active in the community serving as President of the Rotary Club of North Bay in 1999 and 2005. John was one of the founding Directors of the YES Employment Services. John and Nancy are members of Calvin Presbyterian Church in North Bay where he was ordained an Elder in the early 1980's.

John looked forward to the summer golf season and the time spent with his golf buddies and enjoyed many years of activity highlighted by visits of the grandchildren and friends.

ILL. BRO. GLENN MARVIN **MARTIN**, 33°
PAST SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER 1997 - 2000



It is with deep sadness that we record the passing of Ill. Bro. Glenn M. Martin, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada. He passed away peacefully on April 8, 2015 in Kamloops, B.C. surrounded by his family. If there was one word to describe Ill. Bro. Glenn, it would be "care". Through his medical career, to his involvement in Community and most importantly care for his family, Glenn's quiet nature and his soft voice exhibited always a love for his fellow human being.

Ill. Bro. Glenn was born on December 24, 1925 in Ottawa, Ontario to Charles and Myrtle Sternberg. Glenn attended elementary and high school in Ottawa and in 1949 graduated with the degree of M.D, and C.M. from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Bro. Glenn undertook residency training in Kingston where he met Mary Charles, and they were married on April 19, 1949.

Glenn received his specialist qualification in General Pathology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1954. Together, Glenn and Mary raised six children, living in Kingston, Ottawa, Saskatoon and Edmonton before they settled in Kamloops in 1957. Glenn was the chief pathologist at Royal Inland Hospital until his retirement. He also founded Inland Laboratories in Kamloops. He provided leadership and training in Medical Laboratory Science organizing the first accredited program for Medical Laboratory Technologists outside of the lower mainland. He was awarded Honorary Affiliate membership in the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technologists. He organized the annual Medical Laboratory Post-Grad education conferences which ran for many years and drew participants from across Western Canada to Kamloops. He was a School District #24 Trustee for 10 years.

Glenn especially enjoyed playing the organ and spending time with his family at

Shuswap Lake, B.C. He was particularly known for the many contributions he made to the community and the many friendships he formed in the course of his service.

A charter member of Kamloops Daybreak Rotary, he served as President from 1986–1987. He was District Governor from 1992-1993, and was always recognized as a mentor to all members who joined the club. He instituted "no head table" for club meetings. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and an honorary lifetime member of the club.

Glenn was a strong supporter of groups such as the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation, the Kamloops Art Gallery, Western Canada Theatre Company, the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra and the Kamloops Foundation. He was a regular at the Kamloops Symphony concerts and Kamloops Blazers' hockey games.

III. Bro. Glenn was a proud member of Masonic order for over 55 years. He was Worshipful Master for Mount Saint Paul Lodge #109 and served as Grand Organist for the Grand Lodge of B.C. in 1988. As a member of the Scottish Rite, he held many offices including Thrice Puissant Grand Master (Valley of Vernon Lodge of Perfection) and Sovereign Grand Commander of Morning Star Consistory from 1997 to 2000. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star (Adah Chapter #16) for 41 years where his offices included service as Worthy Grand Patron in 1992 - 1993. Glenn was a Member of Honour of Job's Daughters Bethel #47 where he served as Associate Bethel Guardian for many years. He was installed as a knight of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1983 and was for many years the organist.

Bro. Glenn is survived by his loving wife Mary and their children, Linda (Alex) Boronowski of North Vancouver BC, Nancy Kuchenthal of North Vancouver BC, Alan (Sharon) Martin of Calgary AB, Janet Grant of Kamloops BC, Glenn (Lynda) Martin of Oyama BC, Anne Mitchell of Kamloops BC and numerous grandchildren.

A memorial services was held Thursday, April 16, at Kamloops United Church, with several hundred family and friends saying their last farewell to a wonderful man and a true Mason.

ILL. BRO. KENNETH RICHARD RUTHERFORD, 33°
ACTIVE MEMBER & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, SUPREME COUNCIL



July 9, 1948 – August 22, 2015

III Bro. Kenneth Richard Rutherford was born in 1948 in Fergus, Ontario and raised in the Arthur area, between Guelph and Owen Sound in Southwestern Ontario. After completing his education in business at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute he worked in the family business prior to being a delivery coordinator in the propane industry and Service Coordinator for Can-Tex Protective Systems, Inc.

Bro. Rutherford was initiated into Prince Arthur Lodge No. 334 in Arthur in 1984 and served as Master in 1994. In 1996 he became a member of the Royal City Lodge of Perfection and the Guelph Chapter Rose Croix in the Valley of Guelph, receiving his 32° at Moore

Consistory in Hamilton. In 2001, he served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master, and from 2008-2009 as Most Wise Sovereign of Guelph Chapter Rose Croix.

Bro. Rutherford was coroneted a 33° Mason in 2005 in Toronto and elected a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General and Active Member for the Valley of Guelph in 2007 at Ottawa. He was elected Grand Sword Bearer in 2009 in Hamilton and inducted into the Royal Order of Scotland in October, 2008.

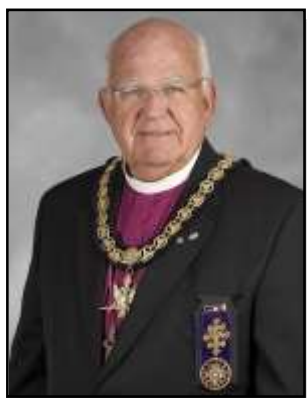
From early childhood, he was always known as a leader....4 H clubs, Royal Canadian Army Cadets and the United Church of Canada where he was always seeking to make things better.

Bro. Rutherford also took active and/or leadership roles in many other concordant Masonic Bodies, as well as serving as a Director of the Guelph Masonic Centre, and where he held the position of Building Construction Manager, and a member of the Administrative Council. He was a dependable, hard-working individual who, with youth on his side, made a significant contribution to the Valley of Guelph, where he was thought of in very high regard by everyone who knew him. His favourite expression was "Well, we will make it work." Bro. Rutherford had been employed by the Supreme Council of Canada, in the Hamilton office as Chief Operating Officer for the last four years prior to his death.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife and partner, Louise Smith, his three sons, Nick, Ben and Bob, also Martin and Mark Smith, and several grandchildren, as well as many more family and friends. His funeral service was held in the Guelph Masonic Centre in Guelph, in the "Red Room." He will certainly be missed.

"Although the voice is quiet, the spirit echoes still."

ILL. BRO. CHARLES ROBERT **TOWNSHEND**, 33°
PAST SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER 2006 - 2009



Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend, 33°, was elected and installed to the Office of Sovereign Grand Commander at the Annual Session in Halifax, Nova Scotia on September 16, 2006. Bishop Townshend had served as Lieutenant Grand Commander since September 13, 2003, after serving as Grand Prior since September 1994.

Ill. Bro. Charles Robert Townshend was born in London, Ontario on January 17, 1938. He was raised and educated in London and graduated from the University of Western Ontario with an Arts degree in History and Philosophy and also with a Bachelor of Theology degree from Huron College and held a Doctor of

Divinity Honorary degree from his Alma Mater.

On June 1, 1963 he married his wife Pat. They have a married son and two daughters.

In 1962 Ill. Bro. Townshend was ordained a Deacon by his father; Bishop William Townshend and the following year, 1963, was priested by his father. Since 1962 he had served in Anglican Parishes in Sarnia, London, Florence, Chatham, and Owen Sound. While in Owen Sound, he was appointed Archdeacon of Saugeen, a position he held for ten years. In 1984 he was elected Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Huron and from 1984 to 1987 was Bishop of St. Clair. In 1987 he became Bishop of Georgian Bay in the Diocese of Huron and retired from office in 2002. Ill. Bro. Townshend was a member of the Synod and Executive committees of the Diocese, the Province, and the National Church since 1976. He served as the Chairman of the Pension Committee and Board of Trustees for the Pension Fund. Ill. Bro. Townshend was a member of the Provincial House of Bishops as well as the National House of Bishops for the Anglican Church of Canada. He also was a member of the Executive Board and Corporation of the Liberal Arts and Theological College of Huron in London and was a member of the Board of Governors and Executive Committee of Renison College at the University of Waterloo.

Ill. Bro. Townshend served twelve years as a Trustee on School Boards in Lambton County, Sarnia and Grey County, Owen Sound. He is a past Director of the Ontario Public School Trustees Association as well as Chairman of the Community and Family Services, Chatham and Kent County.

Ill. Bro. Townshend enjoyed golfing, gardening, and travelling.

Ill. Bro. Townshend's Masonic career began when he was initiated into Tuscan Lodge No. 437 and was raised to Master Mason in the same year in Sarnia, Ontario. He was a member of Parthenon Lodge No. 267 in Chatham from 1971 to 1984 and was a life member in Centennial Lodge No. 684 in London. In 1973 - 1974 he was District Chaplain for the Chatham district of Grand Lodge of Ontario.

He joined the Chatham Lodge of Perfection in April, 1973, the Kent Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix in October, 1973 and Moore Sovereign Consistory, in Hamilton, where he received is 32^o in November, 1974. In 1984 he joined the London Lodge of Perfection and the London Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix.

Ill. Bro. Townshend was also a member in the Mocha Temple, AAONMS, and in London, a member of the Greeters Unit. He was Provincial Grand Master for the Royal Order of Scotland for Ontario.

Ill. Bro. Townshend was coroneted Honorary Inspector-General at St. John's, Newfoundland in September, 1990. In September, 1994, he was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector-General at the annual session of Supreme Council in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Ill. Bro. Townshend served as President of the Scottish Rite Charitable foundation of Canada from 2012 to 2014.

ILL. BRO. JOHN **BEEDHAM**, 33°



Peterborough Valley was very saddened with the passing of Ill. Bro. John Beedham 33°, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, July 20, 2014. John was born in Cobourg Ontario on March 24, 1934. He was a long time employee of General Motors until his retirement. John lived in Cold Springs Ontario with his wife Dorothy where they raised four children where he was also very active in his community and church.

John's Masonic career started in 1967 when he was initiated into St. John's Lodge No. 17 in Cobourg where he served as Worshipful Master in 1978 and again in 1993 as well as serving Ontario District as the DDGM in 1995. He was also an affiliated

member of Colborne Lodge No. 91 where he served as Worshipful Master in 2006. John was a member of St. John's Chapter No. 48 and appointed as a Grand Steward 1989. John was Preceptor of Palestine Preceptory No. 18 in 1985 and again in 2005. He served Sovereign Grand Priory as Grand Constable in 1987. John was a member of several other York Rite orders including the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He was also very active in the Order of the Eastern Star along with his wife Dorothy and served as the Worthy Patron on seven separate occasions.

John's Scottish Rite career started when he became a member of the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection in October 1971, Chapter of Rose Croix in March 1972 and Moore Sovereign Consistory in May 1972. And in 1994 he served as the T.P.G.M. of the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection.

John took part in much degree work, often conferring the lecture in many of them. He was Coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° in 2006. John will be remembered as a kind man who was never too busy to help others.

ILL. BRO. JAMES DUNCAN **BELL**, 33°



Ill. Bro. James Duncan Bell, 33° passed away quietly at Victoria, British Columbia on June 14, 2015. He had 89 years of service and will sadly be missed by his family who surrounded him in his last days – his family being the heart of his joy-filled life.

Ill. Bro. Bell was born in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan October 25, 1925. He married Ann the love of his life in 1956. They raised their family in Victoria, which was the home base of his 28 years of service in the Canadian Navy from 1943 - 1967. He progressed to the highest level of service – CPO 1st class – and concluded his 25 years as a submariner during the Korean War. Never one to slow down, upon his retirement from the Navy, he

embarked on a second successful career in 1970 with the Royal Bank, which lasted for 21 years. An intelligent and very capable man of many talents, Bro. Bell loved to work with his hands. He would make toys for his children and later his grandchildren. He

was also very sociable, had a great sense of humour, and loved to laugh, all of which came into play when he held family parties and there were many. In his retirement he played golf, enjoyed cycling and motorcycling, curling, and dancing.

His last days were spent at Luther Court, a community of care. He loved music and in these years was a regular member of the Luther Court residents' choir.

Bro. Jim and Ann were long time members of the Gordon United Church where he was active on many committees of the church.

III. Bro. Bell was initiated, passed and raised in Mt. Shepherd Lodge No. 159 G.R. B.C.&Y. He was a Past Master of the lodge in 1979, and Grand Pursuivant for the GLBC&Y in 1991. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Victoria District No. 21 in 2006. He joined Scottish Rite, Valley of Victoria in September 1982, receiving his 14° in June, 1983, 18° in January, 1984 and 32° in April, 1984. He was installed as TPGM in February 1995, and served as Commander-in-Chief of the Vancouver Island Consistory in June 2003. He was coroneted a 33° in Toronto, September 2005 by III. Bro. Orlan Webber, 33°.

III. Bro. Bell loved his Scottish Rite. He loved working with the fine men of the fraternity – Craft lodge and Scottish Rite. Throughout his time as a member, he took roles in eleven of the degrees, some as the Master of the degree. Memory work was his strong point. It was said of him that he was the brother that was short in stature, but with a big voice. He had a wonderful deep rich tone when he spoke, and many times in degrees he was perfect for the role that he took.

III. Bro. Bell is survived by his wife, Ann, of 59 years, his three children and five grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted at Gordon United Church by Rev. Heidi Koschzeck, on June 19, 2015. The church was full to overflowing – a tribute to a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, Christian and Mason.

His love of family, the Navy, his church, his lodge, and the Scottish Rite was outstanding. He was service. A gentle man, he will be sorely missed by his family and many friends from church and lodge.

ILL. BRO. JOSEPH **BEWICK**, 33°



Joseph (Joe) Bewick was born in Sunderland, England on May 21, 1922. He studied engineering at Kings College, Newcastle and specialized in Naval Architecture at Birkenhead College, England. Joe joined the North Eastern Marine Engineering of Sunderland, England

He married Olive Williams in 1942, also from Sunderland. They had two children, Muriel (Denis Laderoute) and Allan (Shirley). Dear granddad to Wayne Bewick (Christine), Laura Howitt (Will), Jeff Bewick, Paul Laderoute, Shelley Leveille (Henry) and Jason Laderoute (Lisa). Great grandfather to Dan, Robyn, Nicholas, Bailey, Sam, Grace, Joseph, Olivia, Iliana and

Nathan and great great grandfather to Landon.

Joe obtained his first three degrees in Masonry in the Abbey Lodge no. 3778 at Birkenhead, Cheshire, UK, from September 2, 1953 to October 6, 1954.

In 1957 he immigrated to Canada to work for Davie Shipbuilding located in Lévis (Québec), where he spent his whole career, retiring in 1983 as a manager.

He affiliated with Tuscan Lodge designated no. 28 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1966, 1977 and 1978.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the District of Quebec and Three Rivers for the year 1979 -1980

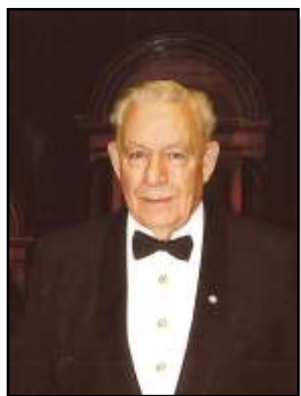
In 1966 he joined the Valley of Quebec Lodge of Perfection, the Quebec Chapter of Rose-Croix in 1967 and received his 32° in the Montreal Consistory in 1968.

Ill. Bro. Bewick was T.P.G.M. in 1970, 1971 and 1972 and M.W.S. in 1972. He held the Office of Grand Secretary/Registrar from November 1972 to November 1974, and again from November 1976 to November 1977 and finally from November 1981 to November 1982. Joe was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General 33° in Ottawa on September 13, 1974.

It is an understatement to affirm that Bro. Bewick was a very active member in the Masonic community in Quebec City. He was also a member of the Shriners.

Bro. Bewick retired in Brockville, Ontario and remained a faithful Brother in the Valley of Quebec until his death on June 3, 2013.

ILL. BRO. RALPH MELVILLE **BOONE**, 33°



Ralph M. Boone was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1926 and moved to Ottawa in 1928. In 1947 he joined his father in the family business, Boone Plumbing Supply Co. Ltd. Starting as a truck driver he worked in every position until he became President. In 1973 he sold the Company. During this time he married (the late) Elaine Waffle and raised three children, Joanne Stremes (Carl), Michael (Laurie), and Carolyn Gauthier (Stephen). He was the proud grandfather of seven. For the past 26 years he was the devoted husband of Dorothy Landon Boone, his childhood sweetheart.

During High School he served 2 years as an Officer in the Army Cadet Corps. He was Props Master and acted in many plays and concerts. In the 1960's he was a member of Riverside Park and Bayview Property Owners Assoc. serving one year as its President. He was active in the Ottawa Junior Board of Trade and the Ottawa Board of Trade; Ottawa Master Plumbers Assoc., Ottawa Home Builders Assoc., Ottawa Construction Assoc. and, for 52 years he was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rideau.

His passion in life was being a Mason. He was a member of the Masonic Order belonging to Sidney Albert Luke Lodge A.F. & A.M. #558. He was Initiated January 12, 1966, Passed March 8, 1967, Raised April 26, 1967, serving as Worshipful Master in 1982-83, 1986-87 and 1987-88. He was elected DDGM of Ottawa 1 district in 1990. He was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, coroneted in 2008, belonging to Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, Murray Chapter Rose Croix, Ottawa Consistory and Moore Sovereign Consistory. He was a Royal Arch member and a founding member of the Shrine Tunis Temple #179. As a member of the Directors Staff in the 1970's he was a member of the Mini-Bike patrol, driving in parades. In 1974 he served as President of the Ottawa Shrine Club.

Ralph served two years as a member of the Ottawa Parking Authority and Sign Review Committee and four years as a Director of the Ottawa Winter Fair. For 50 years he was a Director for the Central Canada Exhibition Association

(The EX). He was a member of the Kanata Seniors Council Board of Directors and Travel group.

ILL. BRO. GEORGE JOHN BEVERLEY BRADSHAW, 33°
JOHN ROSS MATHESON AWARD RECIPIENT



Ill. Bro. George J.B. Bradshaw died peacefully, on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the Humber River Hospital, Toronto, in his 90th year. George was born in west-end Toronto on October 24, 1925, received his Elementary School Education at Regal Road and Memorial Schools, Toronto. He attended Oakwood Collegiate Institute, leaving before completing Grade 13 to join the Canadian Army where he served with the Royal Canadian Regiment in Italy and Holland and subsequent to the end of hostilities in Europe, served with the Canadian Provost Corps in Holland and France.

George returned to civilian life in 1946, completed his Grade 13, married his high school sweetheart Eva (Cruttenden) and graduated from Toronto Normal School and the University of Toronto, teaching at Brown Elementary and Kent Senior Schools for the Toronto Board of Education for a period of 15 years. During this time, Eva and George were blessed with three sons, John (Sue), Garrick (Loren), Dana (Lynn). Hired by the Ontario Ministry of Education, Teacher Education Branch, George joined the staff of the Toronto Teachers' College (formerly the Normal School) in 1963 and was promoted to Vice-Principal in 1969 where he remained until the then called Ontario Teacher Education College closed in 1979. He retired from the Ministry on December 31, 1983. With the loss of Eva through illness in the spring of 1978, George married Jean (Ayres) in December, 1980 and gained a daughter, Phyllis. He was the much loved grandfather of Richard, Christine, Melissa, Jessica, Robyn and Stephen.

The son of a Mason, George began his Masonic career in October, 1962 when he was initiated into Grenville Lodge No. 629, Toronto Dist. 5. Receiving the Master Mason's Degree on January 3, 1963, he progressed through the chairs to be installed as Master

of Grenville Lodge on December 9, 1972 and has served as Master on two other occasions. George was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District 5 in July, 1983. He was an honorary member of King Solomon's Lodge No. 22 G.R.C. and Fellowship Lodge (formerly Levant Lodge No. 967, Buffalo, N.Y.) He served for many years as an Interpreter at the Masonic Temple at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

On October 22, 1973, George became a member of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection, received the 14° on January 14, 1974, the 18° on April 14 in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix and the 32° in the Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton, on May 11, 1974. George was also an affiliate member of the Barrie Consistory. Having participated in a few degrees and serving as a Director, a Lodge and District Rep. of the Membership Committee, he was elected to the office of Grand Secretary/Registrar for the Valley of Toronto in May, 1986, a position he held for 11 years. He continued to serve as the Assistant Grand Secretary/Registrar for another 5 years as well as taking part in several degrees. George was coroneted Honorary Inspector-General 33° in Ottawa on September 14, 1989. In 2005, George received the John Ross Matheson Award.

In Capitular Masonry, George was a member of St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No.4 G.R.C. Royal Arch Masons, serving as First Principal for two consecutive years and also serving as Treasurer. He was a member of Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, The Masonic and Military Orders of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist serving for many years as Recorder. At The Grand Imperial Conclave held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in September, 2000, he was honoured as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, an endorsement of his contribution to Royal Arch Masonry. At the Spring Ceremonial held in Peterborough in 1977, George was admitted as a member of Rameses Temple, AAO.N.M.S. His feet remembering how to march from Infantry days, he joined the Rameses Arab Marching Patrol, served as President of the Patrol in 1983 and for many years as Secretary. He also served on the Executive of the Rameses Past Masters' Association and was a member of Kingsway Shrine Club.

George's main interest would appear to be Masonry but he and Jean thoroughly enjoyed cottage life, their six grandchildren, classical music, the theatre and George's small rose garden. George was a man who lived by the tenets of the Order - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

ILL. BRO. FREDRICK BENJAMIN **BRISCO**, 33°



On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, Chatham Valley lost one of its mainstays of Masonry, when our Ill. Bro. Rick Brisco passed to the GLA, in his 91st year. Devoted husband of his beloved Maxine Louise (2010) for over 65 years, whom he looked forward to reuniting with in the hereafter.

Maxine and Rick were proud parents of Peter (Bev), Paul (Pam), Tim, Barry, Brian (Anita) and the late Robert (2004).

They leave behind 18 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Rick's long business career began with his father Ernie's (also an HIG) insurance and real estate firm, Brisco & Son, after returning from the war (RCAF) where he served as a flying instructor having been discharged with the rank of Flying Officer in April 1945.

As an Insurance and Real Estate Broker he served terms as President of: the Chatham Real Estate Board, the Chatham-Kent Insurance Agents Association, the Ontario IAA, and the Canadian Federation of Insurance Agents and Brokers' Association. Rick served as Returning Officer in Chatham-Kent for many Provincial and Federal elections.

Always very active in his community Rick held offices in the United Community Fund/United Way, C-K YMCA, Chatham Rotary, Chatham Granite Club, Board of Education and was also a lifelong member and past Warden and member of the Board of Management of Christ Church (Anglican) Chatham, ON. A very great part of Rick's life was music, and he was a member of the Chatham Concert Band for over 72 years and was also a member of the Wilf Lancaster Orchestra.

Masonically, Ill. Bro. Brisco entered Victory Lodge No. 563 on October 16, 1945, advancing until he received his Master Mason Degree January 29, 1946. Ill. Bro. Brisco received his 14° in Windsor Lodge of Perfection April 30, 1949 and his 18° in Windsor Chapter Rose Croix on November 29, 1949. He received his 32° in Hamilton, at Moore Sovereign Consistory, on May 5, 1950. Rick and his father Ernie were instrumental in bringing Scottish Rite Masonry to Chatham as Chatham Valley was instituted in 1950. Ill. Bro. Fredrick B. Brisco was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° at Supreme Council Sessions in Edmonton in September, 1963.

Rick will be remembered for his quick smile, and gracious manner. Also he was the first to mention, privately, how things were just not exactly correct as far as the ritual was concerned. We all needed his unassuming input, and were far better, both personally, and for the Craft, for his expertise.

Every life completed is a celebration, but Rick's somehow is something special.

ILL. BRO. ROBERT EDWIN **DAVIES**, 33°



Robert Edwin Davies was born in Mount Forest, Ontario on October 5, 1931, where he received his elementary and secondary school education. He was always a good scholar and a fine athlete and was the recipient of several academic and athletic awards and trophies. His extracurricular activities as President of the student council and quarterback of the football team attest to his leadership ability at an early age.

In 1949 he lost his father and quit school to take over the family retail business which he operated successfully from then on.

In 1954 he married Annabelle Christie of Hopeville and raised three children.

He was a member of the United Church and over the years has served on many committees and boards, both in Church and Sunday school.

He was always interested in his community and is a past director of the Mount Forest Boy Scout Troup, Past Director of the Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Board, former member of the Mount Forest Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band and President of the Mount Forest Investment Club. His many hobbies included all sports and amateur radio where he held an Advanced Amateur Radio License and could be identified around the world by the call sign VE3ERD.

He became a member of St. Alban's Lodge No. 200 in Mount Forest and was the Worshipful Master in 1960 and in 1961 was elected D. D. G. M of Grey District. In 1964 he was appointed the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as Past Junior Grand Warden. In July of the same year he was appointed a member of the Board of General Purposes of our Grand Lodge, a position to which he was subsequently elected for five consecutive two year terms. He was Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead in 1971 and 1972 and then appointed for 1973 and 1974 as Chairman of Benevolence. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in July, 1975 and was the youngest to be elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He served as Grand Master from July 1977 to July 1979.

In April, 1957 he became a member of the Valley of Guelph A. & A. S. R. where he held the office of Most Wise Sovereign.

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1977 and in September of that same year was coroneted Honorary Inspector General, 33^o.

He will be missed by his family, his many fraternal friends as well as the many friends and neighbours of his community.

ILL. BRO. DARROL DEAN **DRIVER**, 33^o



Darrol was born in Oâsage, Saskatchewan in 1931. He attended Luther College in Regina and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a degree in agriculture in 1955. He was a man who truly loved the land and his dual career as an algologist and farmer gratified him immensely. A natural leader, teacher and learner. Darrol built a full and fulfilling life - sportsman, pilot, amateur artist and so much more. He was initiated into Masonry at age 21 and continued to contribute to it the rest of his life. Darrol held many leadership positions in the lodge as Worshipful Master (in four different lodges), District Deputy Grand Master, District Representative Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Commander in Chief, eventually rising to the rank of 33rd Degree. As a member of the Shrine, he was an active member of the T-Birds. He lived "the craft" daily.

Darrol is survived by his loving wife, Jeannine, sons Scott (Betty) and Kim, sister Dwila, brothers Don and Dwight as well as four grandchildren and a great grandchild. He was predeceased by his beloved daughter Tara, sister Arlene and brother Dwaine.

He was initiated in the Royal Order of Scotland in Regina on May 8, 2004 and was an active participant in degree work and setting up the lodge room for meetings.

Darrol was active in his community and was always ready and willing to help in community activities.

Darrol was a much respected man and good Mason. He will be missed.

ILL. BRO. HUGH EVERETT **FERSTER**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Hugh Everett Ferster passed to the Grand Lodge Above on October 3, 2014 at the age of 86 in Kelowna, B.C.

Born in Calgary, Alberta July 19, 1928, Hugh was the youngest of four children. He was predeceased in 2007 by his beloved wife of 59 years, Evelyn.

Ill. Bro. Ferster served 9 years in the R.C.N. and 24 years in the R.C.M.P., retiring in 1989. He was a very active member of the Masonic Lodge and concordant bodies, including the Shrine; Scottish Rite; Knights Templar; Order of Eastern Star and many more. He was an Honorary Life Member of Orion Lodge No.

51, A.F. & A.M., Penticton, B.C. Hugh was a member of the Okanagan Lodge of Perfection and the Moray Chapter of Rose Croix, both bodies residing in Vernon. He was coroneted an Honorary Grand Inspector-General, 33° on September 11, 1997.

A memorial Service was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in Kelowna, B.C. with The Rev. Ill. Bro. Alan Akehurst, 32°, officiating.

ILL. BRO. JAMES WALKER **GERRARD**, 33°



James Walker Gerrard died peacefully on Thursday, September 18, 2014 in his 97th year. His journey began January 7, 1918 in Aberdeen, Scotland, son of the late James and Margaret Gerrard. Jim immigrated to Canada with his family at the very young age of 22 months.

He was predeceased by his younger brother and sister-in-law Robert and Aldene Gerrard. Jim was the beloved uncle to many generations. He will be remembered and loved by his nieces and nephews Deb Elliott (Rick), Robin Burns (John), Jim Gerrard, Laurie Gerrard and Julie Gerrard. His great-nephews and nieces Rob Jones, Alyson Grace (James), Andrew Gerrard

(Claire), Lisa Elliott and Stephen Burns; his great-great-nephews Gavin Budd, Nolan Budd and Alex Grace.

III. Bro. Gerrard was a welder/boiler maker by trade who, after the war formed GIMCO Ltd. Mechanical Contractors, a company that is still in business. He was able to retire from GIMCO Ltd. at age 55 to pursue his many other activities; particularly travel, photography and Masonry.

III. Bro. Gerrard's Masonic journey began with his initiation into General Mercer Masonic Lodge No. 548 GRC, Toronto on April 10, 1942. He was passed on May 31, 1943 and on February 18, 1944 he was raised in Confederation Lodge No. 116, Victoria, British Columbia. Jim served as Master of General Mercer Lodge in 1958. He was also a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 727 G.R.C., The Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27 G.R.C. and The Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District No. 1 in 1969 – 1970.

In the Scottish Rite Jim received his 4th degree October 23, 1967 in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection and his 14th Degree January 8, 1968. In the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix he received 18th Degree on April 14, 1968 and his 32nd Degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory on November 9, 1968. III. Bro. Gerrard was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General, 33rd Degree September 12, 1991 at the Supreme Council Sessions held in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He was active in many degrees in the Valley of Toronto including the 8th, 15th and 17th and was a Director of the 12th Degree.

III. Bro. Gerrard was extremely active in Capitular Masonry with his journey starting on November 17, 1964 when he was made a Royal Arch Mason in The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145 G.R.C. He served as First Principal in 1974 and 1975, and in 1988 was the Grand Master of the 2nd Veil. Jim was a member of Keystone Council No. 20 Royal and Select Masters serving as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1980-81, and as Grand Inspector General Royal and Select Masters of Ontario in 1989. He was a member of Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, serving as Presiding Preceptor in 1972. In the Sovereign Grand Priory Jim was appointed the Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1980-1981 and served as Grand Chancellor from 1983 to 1994.

III. Bro Gerrard was a member of Holy Land Conclave No. 3 and served as Most Puissant Sovereign in 1981. Jim served the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada in a number of positions: Grand Sword Bearer – 1987, Grand Prelate – 1988, as a member of the Grand Executive 1989 and 1990. Jim was elected Grand Viceroy for 1994-1995 and served as Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada for 1995 - 1996.

Jim Gerrard, a true gentleman of great integrity who will always be remembered for his devotion to God, as a lifelong member at St. Andrew's United Church, his unconditional love and support of his family and his work as a Mason.

ILL. BRO. JOHN **HAIRSINE**, 33°



Ill. Bro. John (Jack) Hairsine was born in Vernon on May 5, 1922 and passed to the Grand Lodge Above on September 11, 2014 in Vernon at the age of 92.

Ill. Bro. Hairsine served in the RCAF in WWII and flew 13 missions in Western Europe. Jack had an uncanny ability to survive against the odds. He survived 2 emergency bailouts by parachute from a downed aircraft, 14 months in a prisoner of war camp in Europe, and a diagnosis of tuberculosis prior to the advent of antibiotics.

Ill. Bro. Hairsine met the love of his life, Gwen, in 1955 and they spent the next 58 years as soul mates, enjoying travel, great friends, family and adventures together. Jack loved to ski, hike and fish. He and Gwen had four children.

Jack was involved in his community and volunteered for many community organizations. He was a past president of the North Okanagan Naturalist Club.

A member of Orion Lodge No. 51, A.F. & A.M., Penticton, BC. Ill. Bro. John was a member of the Okanagan Lodge of Perfection and the Moray Chapter of Rose Croix both in Vernon, BC. He was coroneted an Honorary Grand-Inspector General 33° on September 12, 1985. A memorial Service was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in Vernon, BC.

Jack had a wonderful sense of humour, exemplified kindness and passed on to his family the values of hard work and integrity. He appreciated health and freedom and a nice glass of wine. He was proud of his prize in the Armstrong Fair for his Riesling. Jack and Gwen were renowned for their annual New Year's Eve parties and were blessed with many great friends.

ILL. BRO. EDWARD JOHN **HARE**, 33



Ill Bro Ed Hare, 33° passed away on September 2, 2014, one month after having celebrated his 100th birthday, a wonderful coming together of several hundred family and friends.

Edward John Hare was born in Ottawa on July 30, 1914, attended Nepean High School where he met his 'sweetheart' Dorothy Scharfe; they were married for 74 years and enjoyed 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

Prior to joining the army in 1940, he worked for Hare Equipment Ltd, a family business and rejoined the enterprise in 1963 -72, when the business was sold. Subsequently, he worked for the City of Ottawa and the Canadian International Development Agency, retiring in 1979.

In Craft Masonry, he became a member of Doric Lodge No 58 in 1949, serving diligently for over 60 years, becoming Worshipful Master in 1985-86 and DDGM of Ottawa District 1 in 1988-89. He was a Charter Member of Luxor Daylight Lodge No 741, attending meetings regularly with his brother, Lester, both becoming active members of The Nineties Club.

He joined the Scottish Rite, Valley of Ottawa in March, 1974 and was coroneted Honorary Inspector General, 33° on September 9, 1993 in Hamilton. He became a Royal Arch Mason (Ottawa Chapter 222) in January, 1988.

His love affair with Birch Island on Sand Lake began in 1970, with land clearing and ultimately the erection of a cottage which became a mecca for the fast-expanding family and a respite for he and Dorothy from the fast-paced city life for many, many years, returning to Ottawa only for Medical appointments and Lodge commitments.

They were regular attendees at Mackay and Britannia United Churches, where he served as a member of the Board of Stewards and Sessions.

Ill Bro Ed Hare was a highly respected member of his beloved fraternity, making his mark in his inimitable, quiet, soft-spoken and unassuming manner leaving a legacy for all younger Masons to emulate. Freemasonry, in particular and society in general has lost a good man....he will be remembered.

ILL. BRO. JACK ARTHUR **HARRIS**, 33°



Jack Harris, of Durham, formerly of Hanover, passed away at Rockwood Terrace, Durham on Monday, March 23, 2015, in his 96th year.

Born on August 16, 1919 in the village of Quarter, South Lanarkshire, Scotland. Jack was an electrician and was the proud owner and operator of Fisher & Harris Electric until retiring. He was a life time member of the Hanover Legion Branch No. 130 and a veteran of WW II RCAF serving overseas from 1940 to 1945. Jack was the founder of the Hanover Legion Pipe and Drum Corps.

In September 1943 he joined Hanover Lodge No. 432 and from there he became a member of the Valley of Guelph, A. & A. S. R. in 1952. After receiving his 32° in Moore Sovereign Consistory in 1966 he was coroneted Honorary Inspector General, 33° in 1974 Ottawa, Ontario.

Predeceased by his wife Myra (nee Scott) and survived by beloved daughter Dianne Surridge of Sauble Beach, devoted sons Iain (Lynda) Harris of Hanover, Neil (Donna) Harris of Williamsford and Bruce (Faye) Harris of Hanover, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

ILL. BRO. ERNEST WALTER **HISCOTT**, 33°



The family of Ernie Hiscott sadly announced his peaceful passing on February 23, 2015, at Ridgewood Veteran's Wing, Saint John. Ernie was born in Codroy, NL, on September 29, 1916.

The first of twelve children; born to Capt. John William and Olive (Ellis) Hiscock. He is survived by his beloved wife of seventy-three years, Rebecca (Higgins), three daughters, Carolyn (Duke Murray) of Long Reach, NB, Wendy (James Newman) of Hamilton, ON, and Jill (Peter Ackerman) of Dundas, ON, one brother, Jack (Edith) of Calgary, AB, and five sisters, Joyce Marquis, Kathleen Gale, and Adeline (Nat Chattaway), all of

Ottawa, ON, Olive (James MacDougall) of Dartmouth, NS, and Etta (William Muise) of Smiths Falls, ON. Ernie is also survived by six grandchildren, whom he dearly loved and who dearly loved him. He will also be deeply missed by nine great-grandchildren

Ernie was a veteran of World War II. He had gone to sea as a boy with his father and knew the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, so he joined the Royal Canadian Navy, serving on the East Coast on minesweepers, escort vessels and harbour utility boats, including the Lloyd George and the Glenevis. Ernie did not love old ships and said he hated every moment he was at sea and he did not make his bed once during his Navy Career. After discharge, he worked for the CNR and then the New Brunswick Liquor Commission, retiring in 1981.

In their younger days, Ernie and Becky were ardent curlers. They spent many enjoyable summers in their RV at Grand Lake and more than twenty enjoyable winters in Daytona Beach, Florida, where their hospitality was legendary.

Ernie was a member of Truro Lodge #43 AM&FM for sixty-five years. In Fredericton he was an affiliated Past Master of Hiram Lodge #6. He was coroneted and Honorary Inspector General 33° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and was a long time member and officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland. He was also a member of St. Paul's United Church in Fredericton for more than fifty years.

Ernie and Becky moved to Quispamsis five years ago, where they loved their apartment at Jubilee Hall, Shannex until Ernie went to Ridgewood in January, 2014.

The Hiscott family honoured a faithful and loving husband, a hardworking father, a proud grandfather and great-grandfather and they'll play "Ern's Waltz" and remember him with joy.

ILL. BRO. JOHN **HOWARD**, 33°



Ill. Bro. John Howard 33° passed away on October 3, 2014 after a lengthy illness. John was born in Iroquois Falls, Ontario, July 11, 1923. After moving to Toronto he took a machine shop course at Danforth Tech and worked for General Engineering in Scarborough, then the John Inglis Co. John then ventured into the plastics business and was hired by Reliable Toy in 1946 and worked there for 20 years. In 1967 he was hired as a plant foreman for Reliance Products Ltd in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1968, he returned to Toronto and rejoined Reliable Toy as Director of Operations. In 1972, he went back to Reliance Products to operate that division. In 1980, he went into business for himself and opened Sigma Moulders Inc., retiring in 1988. In 1999, John was recognized by the Canadian Plastics Pioneers with a citation award in recognition of his contributions to the plastic industry in Canada since 1945.

On December 23, 1942 he John married Doreen. Doreen passed away in 2002.

Ill. Bro. Howard's Masonic career began when he was initiated on March 20, 1956 into John Ross Roberson Lodge No. 545 G.R.C. He was passed on October 13, 1956 and raised on December 4, 1956. John served as the Worshipful Master of John Ross Roberson Lodge No. 545 in 1967. He also served as Lodge Treasurer for many years and as a Trustee on the Margaret and John A. Robertson Memorial Trust Fund. In 2001 John Ross Robertson Lodge No. 545 G.R.C. amalgamated with Riverdale Lodge No. 494 G.R.C. and John was an active and hardworking member of the Amalgamation Team. Ill. Bro. Howard also served as the President of the East Toronto Masonic Temple Board for many years. John was appointed Grand Steward on July 23, 2005 having served as District Secretary in Toronto District 4 in 2004-05.

John was a long standing member of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine having joined on June 15, 1974.

Ill. Bro. Howard was a member of the Valley of Toronto and received his 14° January 11, 1971, his 18° April 11, 1971, and his 32° in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton on May 11, 1974. John was active in many of the degrees in the Valley as a cast member and Director. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° on September 11, 2000.

He had been active in his Lodge and District up until about 2011 when health problems curtailed his Masonic Activities. He did however love to have his Masonic Brethren over to his house to talk and fill-him-in on the goings-on in the District and Lodge. He will be missed.

ILL. BRO. ROBERT DOUGLAS **JAWORSKI**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Robert Douglas Jaworski 33° passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North on Friday July 3, 2015 in his 78th year.

Ill. Bro. Jaworski was born on July 8, 1937 in Foleyet, Ontario, a small railway town located midway between Timmins and Chapleau, to Nicholas and Dolly (nee Saradoc) Jaworski.

On July 27, 1963 Robert married Margaret (Crewe) in Tilbury, Ontario. Together they had two sons, Douglas (Loretta) of Sudbury and Gregory of Toronto. He is also survived by his brother Donald (Faye) of Florida.

Robert received his elementary and secondary education in Capreol, a small railway town just north of Sudbury. He then received degrees from University College and the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto. He was a well-respected dentist who practiced in Sudbury for 43 years.

Robert Douglas Jaworski was initiated into Sudbury Lodge No.658 on September 20, 1971. He was Passed on October 25, 1971 and Raised on April 24, 1972.

Robert became a member of the North Bay Lodge of Perfection on April 7, 1973; the North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix on October 27, 1973; and Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 11, 1974. In 1977 Robert became a Charter member of the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection. Robert served as the TPGM for the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection during 1984.

Ill. Bro. Jaworski 33° was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General at London, Ontario in September, 2001.

In addition to his extensive Craft and Scottish Rite activities, Robert was also a member of Rameses Shriners and the Sudbury Shrine Club.

ILL. BRO. JAMES HERBERT **LAYCRAFT**, 33°



Brother Laycraft was born at Veteran, Alberta on January 5, 1924 with a twin brother Harold. They moved to and grew up in High River. In 1941, although underage, both Herb and Harold enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery and trained as radar technicians.

Bro. Laycraft saw combat action fighting in the South West Pacific Theater. When the American brass found that he was a radar technician who would certainly be tortured for secrets if captured, snatched him out of the jungle and moved him off to Australia where he was seconded to the Australian Imperial Forces. On the last Japanese air raid over Australia, one of the four aircraft decided to use Herb and his jeep for target practice. He ended up in a deep

ditch with his leg crushed under the dash of his jeep. The aircraft was shot down and destroyed. With typical "Laycraft humor and tenacity" Herb figured that he had won his first trial, even if that leg did bother him all his life.

Upon his return to Canada in 1946 Herb attended the University of Alberta, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts and Law degree. He graduated in 1951 and started an outstanding forty year career as a litigator and judge. He was admitted to the bar on June 3, 1953, Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1964, appointed Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench in 1975, appointed Judge of the Court of Appeal of Alberta in 1979 and finally to the top position as Chief Justice of Alberta and the Northwest Territories. He held that position from 1985 until retiring in 1991. He also received the Order of Canada and a Doctorate of Laws from the University of Calgary. It is no surprise that he was listed as one of the top five Canadian judges of the 20th century.

Our Bro. Herb Laycraft started his Masonic Journey in Zetland Lodge # 83 on January 20, 1958, Passed to Fellowcraft Degree on March 20, 1958, Raised to a Master Mason on May 15, 1958, Worshipful Master Zetland Lodge #83 – 1964, Grand Registrar – Grand Lodge of Alberta – 1967, Member Board of General Purposes GLA – 1968 – 1973, Member Finance Committee GLA – 1972 – 1973, Member of Fiat Lux Lodge

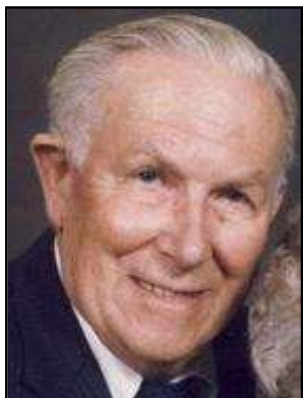
Bro. Herb joined the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite on September 21, 1959 Received 14^o on January 29, 1960, Received 18^o on March 30, 1960, Received 32^o on November 11, 1961, Received the Royal Order of Scotland at Calgary November 25, 1967, Served as Grand Master ROS Province of Alberta 1980 – 1985

Bro. Herb was coroneted a 33^o Honorary Inspector General at Supreme Counsel in Edmonton. September 13, 1984 and was called upon to be guest speaker at that Saturday night banquet.

Our Brother James Herbert Laycraft was called to the Grand Lodge Above of August 5, 2015. He leaves to mourn, his beloved wife Helen of 67 years, daughter Ann and husband Barney MacKay, son Jim and wife Leslie – together with many Grand and Great-grandchildren.

Bro. Herb - you were a mentor for many, loved by all and will be forever remembered. Rest In Peace.

ILL. BRO. JOHN DAVID **LIVINGSTONE**, 33^o



On September 3, 2014, the Valley of Hamilton lost its most senior Honorary Inspector-General, John David Livingstone, who was one hundred and three years old at the time of his death. John was born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada at the age of one. He resided in Ancaster all his life. John was initiated, passed and raised in Seymour Lodge No. 272 in Ancaster. He became a member of Seymour on September 13, 1960 and was a member for over fifty years. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1971 and as a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of

Ontario in 1980. Long time members of Seymour Lodge remember John as a superb ritualist. He was active in the Lodge into his nineties. Ill. Bro. Livingstone joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on May 7, 1973, Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on March 27, 1975 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on November 8, 1975. He became an Honorary Inspector-General at the Supreme Council session in Calgary, Alberta on September 12, 1996.

Ill. Bro. Livingstone is best remembered as a longtime member of staging in the Valley of Hamilton. John and his late wife Flora raised four children, three sons and one daughter. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II. Prior to the war, he apprenticed as a carpenter and worked in the trade from 1933 to 1939. After the war he was employed by the Frid Construction Company of Hamilton as a Construction Superintendent and he retired in 1977.

John was extremely active in his community. He served as Marshal for the Heritage Day Parade in Ancaster for many years. He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Ancaster and served the congregation in a number of roles. John will be greatly missed by the Valley of Hamilton and by his community.

ILL. BRO. EARLE EMMETT **MAZERALL**, 33°



The passing of Ill. Bro. Earle E. Mazerall, 33° on November 18, 2014 saddened the Fraser Valley Lodge of Perfection and the many members of the fraternity in Abbotsford and Langley, British Columbia.

Ill. Bro. Earle was born in Springhill, Nova Scotia on May 21, 1921. Following High School in Springhill, he worked for three years in a coal mine.

In 1942 he joined the Canadian Army and served actively until February 1974. He served his country proudly for 31 years from which he received his Canadian Forces decoration and clasp. Following his completion with the Canadian Army he entered the Canadian Penitentiary Service until 1982 when he finally retired.

He met his wife Jean Elizabeth soon after he entered the army and they were married on August 20, 1946. His wife Jean continues to enjoy their two children, a daughter and a son, and four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Ill. Bro. Earle was initiated, passed and raised in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1960. He joined the Royal Arch in Ottawa Chapter No. 222.

When Ill. Bro. Earle settled in Abbotsford in 1974, he affiliated with Abbotsford Lodge No. 70 in 1975, serving as Master of the Lodge in 1980-1981. He was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in 1995 and received honorary Membership of Abbotsford Lodge in 1997. The following year he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 18. On April 22, 2010 he received his 50 year jewel from the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Brian M. Tuckey.

As a member of the Shrine, he was a founding member of the local Shrine club in Abbotsford, becoming its president in 1984, and serving as Hospital Chair for many years.

He applied to join the Fraser Valley Lodge of Perfection, receiving his 4° in March 1975 and his 14° in October 1975. He received his 18° in Fraser Valley Chapter of Rose Croix in April 1976, and his 32° in the BC Consistory, October 1976. Ill. Bro. Earle was honoured by being coroneted in Hamilton, Ontario, on September 9, 1993 by Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. John Lawer. He served as Almoner for the Valley for ten years. Much of his work in Scottish Rite was typical of his work in all the fraternal groups that he belonged to -- true service for the cause of good. Ill. Bro. Earle was the first to offer help and support. Here was a Mason who truly understood the philosophy of Freemasonry – duty and service.

A memorial service was held at the Abbotsford Masonic Hall.

ILL. BRO. GEORGE CHESTER **MCLURE**, 33°



Ill. Bro. George Chester McClure passed away in Toronto on Saturday, June 27, 2015. He was born at Elliott Station, P.E.I. on May 3, 1923, the son of George and Christina McClure. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Dorothy (nee Fraser) of 64 years; and his nieces and nephews and their children. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers Cecil and Floyd, and his sisters Alicia and Gloria.

Ill. Bro. McClure served his country in WWII, June, 1942 to April, 1946. He was a pilot with the “Bluenose Squadron,” flying Halifax aircraft. His plane was shot down over Frankfurt and he was a German prisoner of war for 1-1/2 years. On the third escape attempt, he reached the Russian lines and from there to the American lines and then back to England. He was a member of the Canadian Air Force P.O.W. Association, the Canadian Branch of the Royal Air Force Escaping Society, the “Caterpillar Club”, the Fort York Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and of the “Restoration of the Halifax” programme, Kingston.

Upon returning to Canada from overseas, he attended the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, N.B., and the post-graduate course of Industrial Relations at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. After spending 6 years in the industrial field in personnel management, he joined the Federal Government in 1957 as the District Office Manager, Department of Public Works, Toronto. In 1964, he was promoted to the liaison position with the Department of National Health and Welfare, where he administered the cost sharing programs between the Federal and Provincial Governments. In this unique position as a Federal employee his office was located in the Provincial Offices at Queen’s Park in Toronto. He took early retirement after 27 years with as a Federal Civil Servant. He was a member for 50 plus years and elder of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church.

Ill. Bro. McClure was initiated into Queen's Lodge, No. 578 G.R.C in Kingston Ontario on April 11, 1951. He was passed in University Lodge No. 496 G.R.C. in Toronto on April 11, 1953 and raised on May 28, 1953. He served as Worshipful Master of University Lodge in 1964. He served as D.D.G.M. of Toronto District No 7 in 1967-1968. Chester served on many Lodge and District Committees.

Ill. Bro. McClure joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection receiving his 4th degree on February 27, 1967 and his 14th degree on May 8, 1967. He joined the Toronto Sovereign Chapter and received his 18th Degree on January 21, 1971 and his 32nd Degree on May 8, 1971 at Moore Sovereign Consistory Hamilton. Chester served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix in 1982. He received his 33° on September 13, 1984 in Edmonton Alberta.

Chester was a most dedicated Mason who served diligently both the Craft and the Rite. He will be missed.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM ADAM **MCGUIRE**, 33°



On Monday January 5, 2015, Chatham Valley bid farewell to our Brother Bill McGuire as he passed to the GLA, in his 85th year. Devoted husband of his beloved Betty (Washburn).

Betty and Bill were proud parents of David (Mary Lyn), and Debbie (Dennis Ouellette), having 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Bill spent his whole working life as a farmer – and he was interested in his chosen vocation until the end.

Our Bro. McGuire was initiated into Naphtali Lodge #413, Tilbury on February 13, 1962 and commenced his Masonic journey. He was passed March 13, and raised April 10 of the same year. Bill was a Past Master of his lodge (1969), and also a Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1971), having served as District Secretary.

Bro. McGuire entered Chatham Lodge of Perfection April 1 (he was no fool), 1975 and received his 18° October 15, 1975 and his 32° at Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 8, 1975. Bro. McGuire went through the chairs of the Chatham Lodge of Perfection and served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master for the year 1984-85. Ill. Bro. McGuire was coroneted an Honourary Inspector General on September 12, 1996 in Calgary, Alberta – the Sovereign Grand Commander being Harold E. Crosby.

In local politics, Bill was also involved, as he held the following offices: Past councillor Tilbury East Township, Past Deputy Reeve Tilbury East, Past Member Kent County Council, Past Member and Chair of Kent County Land Division Committee

'Time cometh and the man'

Farewell faithful friend of Masonry and mankind.

ILL. BRO. JOHN HENRY **MCMULLIN**, 33°



The Scottish Rite, Valley of Thunder Bay and Connaught Lodge #511 lost a proud member in the passing of Ill. Bro. John Henry McMullin, 33°, at the age of 91 years.

Ill. Bro. John was born in Bruce Mines, Ontario, on November 24, 1922.

In May, 1941, Ill. Bro. John enlisted in the RCAF. During this time he met Doris Mae Berry with whom he shared 69 years of marriage. He worked from 1944 to 1982 for CN Rail retiring as General Yard Master.

Ill. Bro. John was a dedicated member of the community and served with many community organizations including Connaught Lodge #511 AF & AM, the Scottish Rite Valley of Thunder Bay, Lakehead Shrine Club where he was a member of the Drill Patrol, Port Arthur Branch No. 5 Royal Canadian Legion, Treasurer of the Air Cadet League, Secretary-Treasurer of the CN Pensioners Association and a very active member of Trinity United Church.

Ill. Bro. John is survived by six children, Carol (Don) Patton, Doug (Carol) McMullin, Patrick (Linda) McMullin, Jan Green, Phyllis Danu and Ellen (Bill) Kruse as well as by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren and other relatives. He was predeceased by his wife, Doris Mae, sister, Ruth Daly and brother, Charles McMullin.

Ill. Bro. John was initiated into Thunder Bay Lodge #618 on June 6, 1951, serving as Worshipful Master of Thunder Bay Lodge #618 and as District Deputy Grand Master for Algoma District in 1987 - 1988. Ill. Bro. John amalgamated with Connaught Lodge #511, Thunder Bay, Ontario, when Thunder Bay Lodge #618 went dark.

Ill. Bro. John received his 14th degree in the Superior Lodge of Perfection on February 17, 1975; 18th degree in the Nanna Bijou Chapter of Rose Croix on March 26, 1975 and 32° in the North Star Consistory on October 30, 1976. He was coronated as Honourary Inspector-General, 33° on September 14, 1989 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Masonic offices held: W.M. of Thunder Bay Lodge #618 in 1960; T.P.G.M. Superior Lodge of Perfection in 1982; District Deputy Grand Master for Algoma District in 1987 - 1988 and Presiding Preceptor Rhodes Preceptory #23 in 1989. Ill. Bro. John was a member of Khartum Temple. He was a very fine ritualist and dedicated Mason and will be missed by all Brethren.

ILL. BRO. GORDON WESLEY **MCNAUGHTON**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Gordie McNaughton was born in Dauphin, Manitoba on November 29, 1923 and died October 30, 2014 in Kingston. He worked for CP Rail as a train conductor for 40 years. Gordie married Iona Haley in 1944 and they settled in the Smiths Falls and Brockville area of Eastern Ontario. They had a son and a daughter and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, his son, one grandson, and four of his five brothers and two sisters.

Gordie was initiated in St. Francis Lodge No. 24 in Smiths Falls, Ontario, in April, 1958 and passed and raised there in the same year. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in St. Francis Chapter

No. 133 in September, 1962 and a Knight Templar in Gondemar Perceptory No. 16, Brockville, in May, 1967. He joined the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection in November, 1984, received his 18° in the Murray Chapter of Rose Croix in March and his 32° in Ottawa Consistory in April, 1985.

Seven years later, in September, 1992, he was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Gordie served as Master of St. Francis Lodge in 1964 and of Otter Lodge No. 504 in 1987-88. He was DDGM of St. Lawrence District in 1990-91. He was Boss Klown of the Land 'o Lakes Shrine Klown Unit at Smiths Falls for five years and served five times as Worthy Patron of Ideal Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Recognized for his service as a volunteer in his church and his community, Gordie McNaughton is remembered as warm, friendly man who offered a ready smile to all he met.

ILL. BRO. JAMES LLOYD **MELLOR**, 33°



Ill. Bro. James Lloyd Mellor passed away peacefully at Glendale Crossing in London, Ontario, on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the age of 92. He was the only child of Harold and Leta (Wright) Mellor of St. Marys and Strathroy. Loving husband of Muriel Stokes and Jean Muma Chambers, who predeceased him. Beloved Dad of Mary Lou (Peter), Pat (Doug), Keith (Jennifer) and David (Cie) and step-dad of Steven and Jim Chambers. Proud "Gramps" of Kate (Dustin), Jaime (Hayley), Russell, Elena, Mallory and Abbey. Lloyd was born March 25, 1923 in London, Ontario.

He served in the RCAF, graduating in the Fall of 1944 as a pilot with the rank of pilot officer. Following the end of WWII, he graduated in 1948 from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Arts degree. While at Western, he was a varsity athlete and BIG W Club member. For a short time following graduation, he worked for the Canadian Wallpaper Co. Ltd in Toronto as a salesman. In 1949, Lloyd

joined Stokes Cap and Regalia becoming President of the company in 1960 and remained with the company until his retirement.

III. Bro. Mellor was an active member of Church of the Ascension (Anglican) in Don Mills, Ontario serving as Rectors Warden from 1960 to 1962.

III. Bro. Mellor's journey in Masonry commenced with his Initiation into Georgina Lodge No. 343 G.R.C. on December 11, 1953. He was passed on January 8, 1954 and raised on February 12, 1954 serving as Worshipful Master in 1965. Lloyd was recognized as Georgina Lodge's Mason of the Year in 2003 for his life-long service to Masonry. Lloyd was a charter member and treasurer of Confederation Lodge No. 720 in 1967. Lloyd was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1971.

Lloyd joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection receiving his 14th Degree on January 24, 1977, the Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix receiving his 18th Degree on March 26, 1978 and Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton on May 12, 1979. Lloyd was a faithful member of the Valley being in a number of degrees and was the Chairman of the Stewards Committee for many years. Lloyd was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 12, 1991.

III. Bro. Mellor was a member of King Cyrus Chapter No. 232 R.A.M., serving as First Principal in 1958 and was Grand Senior Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1981. Lloyd was also a member of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2.

His circle of good friends was wide and deep and to them (and his family), Lloyd was an energetic, full-of-fun and modest man who wrote in his own biography "from hard work comes great enjoyment."

ILL. BRO. LESLIE R. **PETERSON**, 33° C.M., O.B.C., Q.C., LL.B., F.R.S.A.
RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN MATHESON AWARD



October 6, 1923 - April 14, 2015. Few British Columbians can claim the breadth of distinguished service to the Province of British Columbia and its people as can Leslie R. Peterson. He has, during his career, hosted Kings, Queens, world leaders, movie stars, and academics with the elegance and modesty that he extended to all those fortunate enough to have made his acquaintance.

His story began in 1923 on a farm just outside Viking, Alberta with his parents Margaret and Herman Peterson. Dedicated and passionate about education, Les worked part-time to fund schooling at Camrose Lutheran College then McGill University.

He served in the Canadian Artillery in England and on the Continent from 1942 to 1946 and furthered his education at the University of London and UBC. Les was called to the bar in 1949, then, in 1950, he founded the law firm of Peterson and Anderson, and married the love of his life, Agnes Rose Hine. Their son and daughter; Raymond

(Sherry) and Karen; along with their children; Erik (Tania), Severin, Krista (Jesse), Lars, Todd; and Les' sister Lorraine (Mal) and her children Shirley (Paul), Alan (Janice), Carol (Moe) will forever be heartened and inspired by Les.

Educated at McGill University, London University, and the University of British Columbia, Bro. Peterson was called to the bar in British Columbia in July 1949 and commenced the practice of law in Vancouver.

In 1956, he was first elected to the British Columbia Legislative Assembly and served for 16 consecutive years in the Executive Council of British Columbia under the leadership of Provincial Premier W.A.C. Bennett, holding the portfolios of Minister of Education, 1956 - 1968, Minister of Labour, 1960 - 1971 and as Attorney General, 1968 - 1972.

It was during his term as Education Minister that the Province experienced perhaps its most dramatic extension of educational opportunities. Public universities increased from one to three; the community college system was established and B.C.I.T. was founded. As Attorney General the Provincial Court system, as we know it, was established, the Judicial Council was established, as was the program to compensate the victims of crime.

After a political career which spanned three decades he returned to private life, becoming Chancellor of the University of British Columbia, where he is remembered by the faculty and students as an insightful and sensitive leader.

The range of his service to community organizations and his association with the Masonic fraternity is too lengthy to recite but includes such organizations as the Institute for Pacific Ocean Sciences & Technology, the Canadian Child Health Association, Terminal City Club, BC Historical Association, The John Howard Society, Provincial Council of St. John Ambulance, Vancouver Art Gallery, The Order of Jerusalem and the Vancouver Aquarium.

His association with the Masonic fraternity began on April 17, 1950, when he was initiated into Maple Leaf (now Heritage) Lodge No. 63 in 1950, serving as the Worshipful Master in 1978. He was a member of Royal Arch Masons from 1955, and a Knight Templar from 1956. He has served the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon in many capacities, specifically as the chair of the Trial Commission, and the Constitutions Committee. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 13 in 1994.

Bro. Peterson joined Scottish Rite in Fraser Valley in 1987, receiving his 32° in 1988. He was coroneted a 33rd degree by SGC Harold E. Crosby in Calgary in 1996. In 2000 he was the recipient of the first presentation of the John H. Matheson Award given to Scottish Rite Masons who have provided outstanding service to the Valley and to the community at large.

Bro. Peterson was appointed by the Earl of Elgin to a five year term as Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia and the Yukon of the Royal

Order of Scotland. He also served as the Most Puissant Sovereign of the Pacific Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Constitution, in 1995.

He joined the Shriners of British Columbia and Yukon on 10 March 1956, serving in many capacities: on the board of governors of Portland Shriners Hospital for Children, assisting in creating the Gizeh Shrine Patient Transportation Fund, serving many local clubs and units as well as International Shrine in numerous capacities. He served as Potentate of Gizeh in 1988.

The Province of British Columbia honoured him by naming the home of the Workmen's Compensation Board in Richmond, BC, the Leslie R. Peterson Building, and by investing him with the Order of British Columbia in 1990. Ten years later, on November 15, 2000, he was appointed to the Order of Canada.

While his achievements are legendary and awards numerous, he remained modest, tireless and energetic, always willing to go that extra mile in support of worthy causes. By his exemplary life and work, he is a role model for his community and the ideal of a Freemason.

ILL. BRO. GORDON ROBERT **PHILLIPS**, 33°



Gordie Phillips was a life member of Chaudiere Lodge No. 264 and a past Most Wise Sovereign of the Murray Chapter of Rose Croix. He died on September 7, 2014 at the age of 100.

He married his wife Muriel in 1940 and they had two sons and a daughter. They worshipped at Glebe-St. James United Church, where he served as an elder. He spent his career in Ottawa in property management with Canada Permanent Trust.

He was initiated, passed and raised in Chaudiere Lodge No. 264 in 1942 - 43 and served as Master in 1953. He was a member of Tunis Shrine Temple No. 179. He joined the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection in 1956 and the Chapter in 1957. Gordie received his 32° at the Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton in 1970. He was a charter member of the Ottawa Consistory. At the Supreme Council in Winnipeg in 1980 he was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°.

The Masonic fraternity was very important in Gordon's life. He was a frequent visitor to lodges and Masonic events and had an admirable capacity for remembering and greeting people by name. He will be remembered for his warmth and dedication to the Craft.

ILL. BRO. JOHN WILLIAM (JACK) **PINNOW**, 33^o



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John William (Jack) Pinnow at home on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at the age of 87. Jack was born in Pense, Saskatchewan on September 18, 1927. He attended school in Pense until high school; at which time he took the train to Regina every day where he attended Balfour Collegiate. He joined the RCAF in 1946 and enjoyed many postings across Canada and Europe. Early in his military career he was part of search and rescue, completing many rescues in the Arctic. It was when he was posted to Nova Scotia that he met Amy Coolen in 1955 and they were married on May 5, 1956 in Halifax. His final posting was to Moose Jaw in December, 1970. He retired from the

Armed Forces in 1975. Following Amy's death in 2003 Jack later married Connie Wilson on September 3, 2005.

Jack joined the Markland Masonic Lodge in Kingston, Nova Scotia in 1960 and visited lodges in Alberta, France, and Germany. He joined the Masonic Lodge in Rivers, Manitoba then transferred to Moose Jaw in 1970 when he joined the Doric St. George No. 71 Lodge and served in many offices. He became Worshipful Master in 1979 and again in 2014 and was also the District Deputy Grand Master for Saskatchewan in 1997. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, joining in Rivers, Manitoba in 1968 and the Mizpah Chapter No. 1 in Moose Jaw in 1971. He served as Worthy Patron 6 times and was Worthy Grand Patron in 2007. When Jack turned 80 he celebrated by skydiving (in tandem), something he did again at 82, 84, 85, and 86 - always on or close to his birthday.

Jack joined Moose Jaw Valley Scottish Rite November 25, 1975 and was very active in Perfection and Rose Croix in Moose Jaw. He joined Saskatchewan Consistory May 12, 1977 and received his Honorary Inspector General 33rd Degree in 1988.

ILL. BRO. GERALD EDGAR **POSTILL**, 33^o



Gerald E. Postill, a long serving member of the Valley of Hamilton passed to the Grand Lodge above on August 3, 2014. Gerry joined Wilson Lodge No. 133 in Waterford on March 11, 1981. He was passed and raised in Wilson Lodge as well. He served as the Organist of Brant Lodge No. 45. He was a Past Master of Wilson Lodge and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Brant District. Gerry joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 8, 1983, Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 4, 1985 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 10, 1986. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 17, 2009 at the Annual Session of Supreme Council in Hamilton Ontario. Gerry was installed as

the Most Wise Sovereign of the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on January 19, 2010 and served in that capacity during the years 2010 and 2011.

Over the years Gerry was a cast member and also directed a number of degrees most notably the First Apartment of the Twentieth Degree. He is survived by his wife Susan and his children. He served as church organist at a number of churches in the Waterford/Brantford area over the years. He was a board member at Trinity Anglican Church in Waterford.

Gerry was an electrician by trade. At various times he was employed by Gates Rubber in Brantford and American Can in Simcoe. He then had a successful career in the insurance industry. He sold his agency in Waterford when his wife Susan became disabled as a result of a serious stroke a number of years ago. He spent approximately four years at home caring for her and assisting her in her recovery. Prior to his death, he returned to work as an electrician. The Valley of Hamilton has many fond memories of Gerry.

ILL. BRO. HUBERT (HU) GORDON **PUFFER**, 33°



It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Ill. Bro. Hubert (Hu) Gordon Puffer, 33° on July 30, 2015 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Ill. Bro. PUFFER was born in Lacombe, Alberta on April 14, 1932. He completed his B.Sc. Agriculture at the University of Alberta in 1956, and his M.Ed. Curriculum and Administration at the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. in 1971. Ill. Bro. Hu was a settlement supervisor with the Government of Canada, Officer-in-Charge for Canadian Immigration, Western United States, Canadian Consulate in Los Angeles, CA., and a teacher, principal and administrator for the Edmonton Public

School Board, retiring in 1989.

Over the years from 1979 up to his passing, Ill. Bro. PUFFER served as Chairman of the Board at Westlawn Courts, a housing complex in Edmonton; volunteer with the Senior Citizens Housing, Alberta Municipal Affairs; President of the Pillar Society providing quality housing for senior citizens; a volunteer driver for the Alberta Cancer Clinic; a member of the St. Albert Community Justice Committee; a Trustee with the St. Albert United Church; a member of the St. David's Welsh Male Voice Choir and the Director of Music for the Canadian Club of Edmonton. Hu also volunteered as a monitor at the Edmonton Rite to Learn Foundation learning centre and served on the Board of Members of that organization.

Other honoraria include the Medal of Merit for Especially Good Service from Scouts Canada in 1995, and a Companion in the Scouts Canada Order of Scouting in 1995.

Married to Margaret Ann (nee Peterson) on July 18, 1959, they recently celebrated their 56th anniversary. Three children were born to them – Candice, Kevin, and Mark. Hu's hobbies were wood carving, cycling and cross country skiing in the winter, and, of course, music of any kind, whether it playing the organ, piano and whatever.

Bro. Puffer was initiated into Avon Glen Lodge #170, G.R.A. in December, 1953, passed in February, 1954, and raised March 17, 1954. He served as Worshipful Master of his lodge in 1971. He was appointed Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, 1986-87. He was also an Honorary Life Member of Ivanhoe Lodge #142, G.R.A.

Ill. Bro. Puffer was also very active in Scottish Rite Masonry, receiving his 14° in February, 1981, his 18° in April, 1981, and his 32° in October, 1981. He was Most Wise Sovereign of the Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix 1987-88. He was coroneted 33° Honorary Inspector-General in Niagara Falls, Ontario, September 16, 1999. Ill. Bro. Puffer was the Entertainment Chairman for the 2004 Supreme Council Session in Edmonton. In June, 2012, he belatedly received his 25th Anniversary pin and certificate recognizing his long-term membership in the Valley of Edmonton. He played the organ at many of the valley degrees as well as at every meeting he was able to attend.

In addition to the Scottish Rite, W. Bro. Puffer was also a member of Areme Chapter #11 Order of Eastern Star since September, 1989, serving as Worthy Patron in 1997. He was appointed Grand Organist in 2000-01 and was the Grand Representative of North Dakota in Alberta 2008-09.

He was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since September, 1990.

A celebration of Ill. Bro. Puffer's life was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the St. Albert United Church, and donations were requested to be made to the Edmonton Rite to Learn Foundation and the Alberta Cancer Foundation on his behalf.

"Farewell my Brother".

ILL. BRO. ARTHUR **RADU**, 33°



The Valley of Windsor was saddened by the sudden passing of Ill. Bro. Arthur Radu on October 4 2014. He had Sleep Apnea and breathing problems; and was in a Nursing Home; but his sudden passing was a real shock to the Masonic District and the Valley of Windsor. Ill. Bro Radu was a gruff, outgoing, active, dedicated and regular member in the Kiwanis Club, and in several Bodies of Masonry in the Windsor- Essex County, Ontario area.

Ill. Bro. Radu was born in on July 11, 1921 in Saskatchewan. As a child he moved with his parents to Windsor, Ontario; and he received his early education there. He worked in the steel industry in Detroit; and commuted to work daily. He was active in volunteering with the Rotary Club and Masonic activities. Art and Helen were active as volunteers at the A.A.S.R. Windsor Learning Centre for Dyslexia.

Art married Helen Donisie, and they celebrated over sixty years together. They had three daughters; Sandra, Diane and Karen. Art and Helen were active members of the Romanian Orthodox Church; and served on committees and assisting where needed.

III. Bro. Radu was actively involved; and although his abrupt manner intimidated some people, he was willing to assist and contribute as a Mason and a gentleman.

III. Bro. Radu was Initiated in Great Western Lodge No. 47 A.F. & A.M. in Windsor on May 14, 1970. He received the F.C. Degree and M.M. Degree in Great Western Lodge in 1970. He was Worshipful Master in 1977 and 1988. He was an active member of Windsor Chapter No. 71 Royal Arch Masons; serving as 1st Principal in 1994, and as a thrifty Treasurer for several years. He also was Appointed Grand Junior Sojourner of Grand Chapter R.A.M. He was a member of Mocha Shriners, and was President of Moramos Shrine Club – Windsor in 1983. Art was also an active member of the Border Masonic Temple Association for many years, and in the Masonic District.

Art joined the Windsor Lodge of Perfection A.A.S.R. and received the 14th degree on April 17, 1976; the 18th degree in Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix on November 23, 1976; and the 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton on May 7, 1977.

III. Bro. Radu was a member of the cast in several degrees, and was a dedicated member of the Makeup Committee for many years. In recognition of his many Masonic and community activities III. Bro Radu was Coroneted an H.I.G. 33° in 2010.

A good attendance of Brethren was present for the Masonic Memorial Service held on October 7, 2014 at W. D. Kelly Funeral Home. On October 8, 2014 the funeral service was held at the Funeral Home by St George's Romanian Orthodox Church.; with burial at Victoria Memorial Cemetery.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family. He will be greatly missed, and we give thanks for the privilege afforded us in knowing and remembering this active Mason.

D.H.C.W.

ILL. BRO. EARL JAMES (JIM) **SCARBOROUGH**, 33°



Jim Scarborough was born in Hanover, Ontario January 21, 1925. In June of 1956 he joined Hanover Lodge No. 432 and from there he became a member of the Valley of Guelph, A. & A. S. R. After receiving his 32° in Moore Sovereign Consistory in 1969 he was coroneted Honorary Inspector General, 33° in Edmonton, Alberta.

Throughout his Masonic life he held many offices – Worshipful Master of his Lodge in Hanover twice, Secretary-Treasurer of Bruce District Masters and Wardens Association 1972 and President 1980 D. D. G. M. of Bruce District 1976-77. He was appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden near

The Grand Lodge of Canada of A.F. & A.M. in Ontario in March, 1982.

Jim's business career consisted of Registered Apprentice Motor Vehicle Repair 1944, started in Refrigeration Service in 1946 and operated his own Refrigeration and Air Condition Sales and Service Business from 1946 until his retirement.

Jim served on his Church Board for approximately ten years – five as Rectors Warden. He participated in most sports activities in Hanover and worked in minor sports programs.

Jim married (Rosie) Rosaland McAty in 1950 and together they raised two children, Robert and Donna. Along with his two children and two grandchildren, he left many friends who mourn his passing.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM GORDON **SHEARER**, 33°



Born: January 14, 1939 - Died: February 11, 2015

Bro. Gordon lived his entire life in Saskatchewan and was raised in Earl Grey. His occupation was Accounting and he later worked in Inventory Control with Brandt Industries. He was married to Veronica (Ronie) and they had three children. He has several grandchildren and one great grandchild.

His Masonic journey started with Emulation #186 May 25, 1961 which later amalgamated with Wascana #2. He was secretary-treasurer for many years for Wascana and DDGM for District II in 2003. Bro. Gordon was the District Representative for Board of General Purpose. He received his 50 year Masonic pin 2011.

Bro. Gordon joined the Scottish Rite in November, 1969 and was treasurer for many years. He was coroneted September 7, 2009.

Bro. Gordon belonged to WAWA Shrine Pipes and Drums in Regina and served as secretary or treasurer in different units in the shrine.

For 10 years he organized the largest fund raiser for the Heart and Stroke - Big Bike Ride. He was involved with numerous charitable organizations in Regina.

Bro. Gordon received is Royal Order degrees on September 29, 2007.

ILL. BRO. FLOYD MAC **SINTON**, 33°



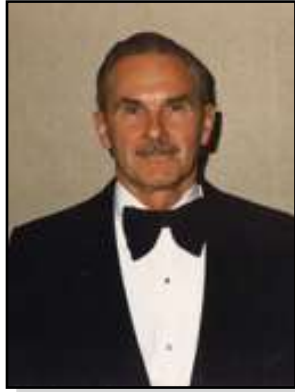
The Valley of Barrie suffered a significant loss with the passing of Ill. Bro. Floyd Sinton on March 18, 2015. Floyd is survived by his wife and best friend Barbara. He was predeceased by his son, Stan, in 2009.

Floyd was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Kempenfeldt Lodge No 673, Barrie in 1958 and remained a strong supporter of that Lodge his entire life. He was a member of the Barrie Lodge of Perfection, Spry Chapter of Rose Croix, Moore Sovereign Consistory and a Charter Member of the Barrie Consistory. Floyd was Coroneted an Honourary Inspector-General in September, 2006 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. A faithful supporter of all Valley activities, Floyd was also an active Shriner.

The owner and founder of Sinton Transportation, Floyd was a very well-known businessman, community leader and philanthropist. He was greatly respected throughout the community and certainly among his Masonic peers.

He will be missed.

ILL. BRO. ROBERT "BOB" JAMES **SUTHERLAND**, 33°



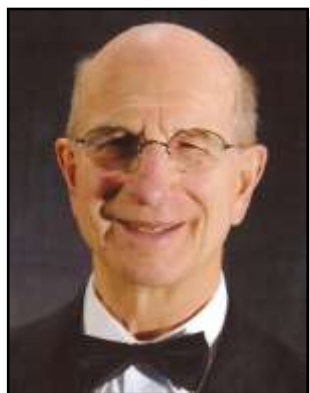
Bro. Sutherland passed to the Grand Lodge above December 25, 2014, at the age of 87 years. Bob leaves to cherish his memory his wife Maude, and children Frances Sutherland, and Bruce (Janet) Sutherland, along with four grandchildren, Andrew, Christie(Andre) Lefrancois, Kathy(Nick) Roche and Trish(Tim) Getzinger, and nine great grandchildren. Bob was born at New Westminster, British Columbia July 8, 1927. He served in the military for 36 years from 1947 - 1983. Bob was a member of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). He married Maude Henderson July 7, 1955 in Aberdeen, Scotland. After retirement, Bob and Maude made Medicine Hat their home. A "Come and Go" Celebration of Bob's Life was held at

the Saamis Creekside Centre Friday, January 2, 2015 from 10am to 12pm. A Private Graveside service was held at Saamis Prairie View Cemetery. Bob was a good and honourable man who will be sadly missed but lovingly remembered.

Right Worshipful Brother Robert "Bob" James Sutherland, was a very active Mason. He was initiated December 3, 1974, Passed February 4, 1975 and raised a Master Mason March 4, 1975, in Quarry Lodge No. 70 in Medicine Hat, Alberta. He served two years as Master in 1985 and 1986. He served as DDGM 1989/1990 in the No. 2 District, Grand Lodge of Alberta. He was President of the Medicine Hat Shrine Club Clown Unit in 1990. He was initiated into the Medicine Hat Lodge of Perfection March 10, 1977 and received his 14th Degree October 15, 1977; he received the 18th Degree, April 12, 1979, in Chinook Chapter Rose Croix in Lethbridge; and 32nd Degree November 10, 1979 in Southalta Consistory, Calgary. He joined the Royal Order of Scotland September 24, 1983. He was coroneted 33rd Degree Honorary Inspector-General by Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Bro. J.V. Lawer 33rd Degree on September 10, 1992 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Ill. Bro. Bob Sutherland, 33° was always a well-organized, distinguished gentleman, and an active member of both Craft and Scottish Rite Masonry. He directed a number of degrees in the Lodge of Perfection and was always a "willing worker" when it came to setting up the Lodge, taking part in the Degrees, or just being a true friend. He was always impeccably dressed and only in the last few months when cancer got the better of him did he miss any Lodge meetings. He was a mentor for many of the Brethren in Craft and Scottish Rite Masonry, and well respected by all who knew him. We miss him dearly.

ILL. BRO. ALAN HADFIELD **SWAIN**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Alan H. Swain 33° was born in Manchester in the County of Lancashire, England on December 21, 1933, and passed away on May 26, 2015 at the age of 81. He never lost his Lancashire accent and it was always delightful to be in conversation with him to hear the lilt of a Lancashire Lad. Alan's chosen occupation was Millwright, a trade he worked in for over 40 years.

Ill. Bro. Alan was initiated, passed, and raised in Vancouver Lodge No. 68 Grand Registry of British Columbia and Yukon in 1977, becoming its Worshipful Master in 1988. He was appointed the Grand Standard Bearer in 2002 by M. W. Bro.

William O. Walls, and appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 13 in 2005 by M. W. Bro. Robert McSween. For several years, Bro. Alan served on the Masonic Service Bureau in Vancouver. The Bureau aided as the connection with widows of sojourning brethren as well as assisting in supplying any medical equipment they may have needed. He served as Chairman of the Bureau in 2007 - 2008.

In Scottish Rite, he received his 4° in the Vancouver Lodge of Perfection in February, 1990, 14° in November, 1990, entered the Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix, receiving his 18° March, 1991 and was the Most Wise Sovereign in 2005. He joined the BC Consistory receiving his 32° on October 31, 1991. For several years he was a dedicated chairman of the Ritual Committee of Scottish Rite in Vancouver Valley.

Bro. Alan was coroneted a Grand Inspectors General, 33° in Winnipeg by Ill. Bro. Matthew Todd, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander.

His wife Joan passed away in April, 2014 and her passing was deeply felt by Bro. Alan. They had a daughter Carol and two grandchildren. Alan and Joan were active members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Burrard Chapter No. 3, North Vancouver for many years. Alan was Worthy Patron of Chapter No. 3 in 1995, 2009 and again in 2011.

The part of the Masonic philosophy that Bro. Alan took to heart most - was that of faithfulness. Throughout his Masonic life; all the organizations that he joined, and attended regularly - those he was most willing to participate in where those that supported Masonic charities. He lived commitment and loved the Learning Centre in Vancouver, and he was one of the first Scottish Rite Masons to volunteer to help at the centre when it opened.

ILL. BRO. NELSON HORACE **THOMAS**, 33°

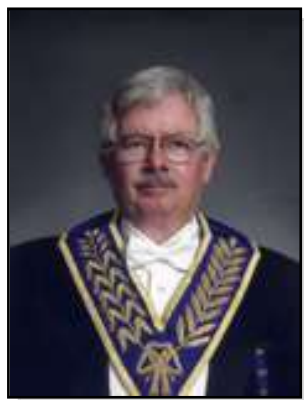


Nelson Thomas died peacefully at the age of 94 in Ottawa on October 30, 2014. He had a long distinguished Masonic career and was a visible leader.

In his early years he worked in the grocery business before serving his country in England, Sicily (Italy) and Northwest Europe during the Second World War. Following the war he joined the federal government in Ottawa, in the Department of the Environment where he retired in 1981. In 1949 he married his wife Jean, who was a Past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. They had no children. They were both members of Britannia United Church.

He was initiated, passed and raised in Ashlar Lodge No. 564 in 1954 and served as Master in 1960-61. He joined the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection in March, 1955 and received his 18° in the Murray Chapter of Rose Croix in 1956. He was Most Wise Sovereign in 1983-84. On November 20, 1976 he received his 32° in the Ottawa Consistory. Nelson was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° in Thunder Bay, 1991. Nelson was a Shriner, a member of Tunis Temple No. 179, and a member of Luxor Daylight Lodge in Ottawa. His charm and intelligence was much appreciated and enjoyed.

ILL. BRO. JAMES MACKAY **THOMSON**, 33°



Ill. Bro. James MacKay Thomson, 33° passed away peacefully on Monday August 3, 2015 in his 78th year, with his family at his side after a courageous battle with cancer.

Beloved husband of Bola Thomson, proud father of Susan Jane, Patricia, James predeceased (Jodie), Brenda predeceased and Janet and sadly missed by their mother Susan Elizabeth.

Ill. Bro. Thomson was born on October 29, 1936 in Edinburgh Scotland. He immigrated to Canada in 1967 and worked for Inco Limited in Sudbury from 1967 to 1998. Jim was a Professional Engineer and started with Inco as a Ventilation

Engineer and retired as a Mine Manager.

His great love apart from his family and Masonry was soccer, or as our brother would say, "football". He played and coached the beautiful game and was an ardent fan of his home town team, Heart of Midlothian...The Hearts.

James MacKay Thomson was initiated into Bethel Lodge No.699 on March 13, 1992. He was Passed on April 10, 1992 and Raised on March 12, 1993. He served as Master of Bethel Lodge in 1998. R.W. Bro. Thomson was the District Deputy Grand Master of the Sudbury Manitoulin District in 2002.

III. Bro. Thomson became a member of the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection on April 23, 1994; the North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix on October 1, 1994; and Barrie Consistory on April 29, 1995. He served as the TPGM for the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection during 2005. III. Bro. Thomson, 33° was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General at Hamilton, Ontario on September 17, 2009.

In addition to his extensive Craft and Scottish Rite activities, he was also a member of Tuscan Chapter No. 95 and Mavar Preceptory No.65.

ILL. BRO. DAVID GEORGE **WALKER**, 33°



The Valley of Victoria was saddened by the news that III. Bro. David G. Walker, 33° passed away August 28, 2015, at the age of 79, after a valiant fight with cancer for several years.

He is survived by his loving wife Kathleen (Kay), whom he met when she was in Job's Daughters and he in DeMolay. They had four children Ralph, Steven, Colleen and Glenn, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

III. Bro. David was a native son of Victoria, born March 19, 1936 in Langford just outside Victoria. He lived in the fair city all his life. Following high school in Esquimalt, he was immediately employed as a machinist at Yarrows Shipyard. The company closed – and at that time III. Bro. David had completed 39 years of employment with them. He then took further employment in the Nicholson Machine Manufacturing plant in Sidney before retiring.

At the age of 14 he owned his first car. He could fix it but was not able to drive it, - yet! He was always tinkering with machines, whether it was cars, drills, lawnmowers, etc., he knew how to fix things. Many would come to David for help in getting a machine to work.

III Bro. David as a charter member of Victoria Chapter DeMolay rose to be Master Councilor. He was initiated, passed, and raised in Aurora Lodge No. 165 Grand Registry of British Columbia and Yukon in 1971. He was master of the lodge in 1978. He served as Education Officer for Aurora Lodge in 2000-2002. III. Bro. Walker demonstrated care and concern for those in need. He was an officer of the Masonic Service Guild of Victoria, participating for many years in assisting the widows of sojourning brethren.

III. Bro. Walker received his 4° in September, 1975, his 14° in June, 1976, his 18° in January, 1977, conferred in the Victoria Valley of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix respectively. He received his 32° in the British Columbia Consistory in Vancouver in October, 1978. He was a wonderful ritualist. In both Perfection and Rose Croix he helped in several of the degrees. However his greatest enjoyment was in Rose Croix.

He was installed as the Most Wise Sovereign in the Victoria Chapter of Rose Croix in February 1985. For many years he took a major role in the Maundy Thursday and

Easter Sunday ceremonies. His strong church faith was the basis of some moving homilies during these ceremonies.

He was coroneted a Honourary Grand Inspectors General in Vancouver, September, 2008, by Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townsend.

Ill. Bro David Walker was an active member of the Lambrick Park Church, in Victoria, where he and Kay worshipped for many years. At his memorial service several things mentioned were unique. First, as the family walked into the church each held a rose, which was placed in a vase at the front of the church. Every week David gave Kay a bouquet of roses. He was known for visiting around the village of Cadboro Bay coffee shops, and chatting with strangers and friends. Whenever he heard a story of struggle, of someone needing emotional support, Ill. Bro. David immediately went to the grocery store and purchased a bouquet of roses or perhaps some candies to give to those whom he thought needed a lift of their spirits.

The second unique item was the eulogy given by two of his children, Ralph and Colleen. They both presented the eulogy, commencing with the words, *Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth*. David's life was strongly tied to the three tenets of a Mason. They concluded the eulogy by repeating these tenets. Between these 'bookends' were the stories of Ill. Bro. David Walker's life. He lived these three principles of life every day to the fullest. A most unique eulogy for an amazing Mason who truly followed and created his whole life around the philosophy of Freemasonry.

ILL. BRO. CHRISTOPHER JOHN **WOODBURN**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Christopher John Woodburn, 33° passed away after a short illness at Cambridge Memorial Hospital, on May 23, 2015. John was born in Toronto on July 14, 1935. He attended Etobicoke Collegiate and the University of Toronto. His business career was spent in the sales and marketing management area and from 1973 he ran C.J. Woodburn and Associates, a franchise consulting company.

John was married to Barbara (nee Fennell) for 52 years. He was the beloved father to Chris (Delphine) of Burlington, Cheryl (Ryan) of Caledon, Glen (Caroline) of London and Tara of Guelph and dear brother of Jane and the late Jim Wilson of

Brampton and Bob (Brenda) Woodburn of Clarksburg. He is fondly remembered by 10 loving grandchildren.

Ill. Bro. Woodburn was initiated into Masonry on February 18, 1963 in Kingsway Lodge No. 655, installed as Worshipful Master on November 16, 1970 and served as the District Deputy Grand Master, Toronto District 2 in 1974. John affiliated with Melita Lodge No. 605 where he served as Master in 2002 and was an Honorary Member of Transportation Lodge No. 583. He was first elected as Member of the Board of General Purposes in 1978. He served and chaired many committees such as the Condition of Masonry, Public Relations, Special Events, Policy, Blood Donors, and Committee on

Warrants and the Regalia Committee. John retired from the Board of General Purposes in 1994.

To mark the 125th Anniversary of The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1978, R.W. Bro. Woodburn, skillfully guided Project H.E.L.P. (Hearing for Every Living Person) to a resounding success. Project H.E.L.P. not only reached its goal of raising \$350,000 but surpassed its monetary goal by over \$150,000.

John served as a Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario beginning in 1980 culminating in his service as President from 1990-1992.

III. Bro. Woodburn joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection receiving his 4th degree on October 27, 1969 and his 14th Degree on January 12, 1970. He joined the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix receiving his 18th Degree on March 29, 1970 and received his 32nd Degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton on May 11, 1974. John was active in many degrees in the Valley and served as T.P.G.M. of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection in 1982. He was the General Chairman of the Valley Committee for the 1983 Annual Session of Supreme Council held in Toronto. John was coroneted a Honorary Inspector-General 33 degrees in September 12, 1985 in London Ontario. John was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and Peel Chapter No. 195 R.A.M.

The legacy that III. Bro. C. John Woodburn left was a man who was known to get the job done.

► **GENERAL DATA AND STATISTICS** ◀

Sovereign Grand Commanders Since 1874

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON

Oct. 16, 1874 to Jan. 13, 1882

Died 13th January, 1882

WILLIAM HENRY HUTTON

Jan. 13, 1882 to Oct. 21, 1886

Died 9th October, 1893

JOHN VALENTINE ELLIS

Oct. 21, 1886 to Oct. 27, 1892

Died 10th July, 1913

JOHN WALTER MURTON

Oct. 27, 1892 to Oct. 23, 1898

Died 23rd October, 1898

ISAAC HENRY STEARNS

Oct. 26, 1898 to Oct. 27, 1904

Died 15th February, 1921

SIR JOHN MORISON GIBSON

Oct. 27, 1904 to Oct. 23, 1913

Oct. 26, 1922 to Oct. 25, 1923

Died 3rd June, 1929

BENJAMIN ALLEN

Oct. 23, 1913 to Oct. 23, 1919

Died 10th April, 1920

JOHN ALEXANDER CAMERON

Oct. 23, 1919 to Oct. 26, 1922

Oct. 25, 1923 to Oct. 8, 1925

Died 16th December, 1931

ALFRED FREDERICK WEBSTER

Oct. 8, 1925 to Oct. 3, 1934

Died 7th May, 1938

WILLIAM HUGH WARDROPE

Oct. 3, 1934 to Oct. 2, 1940

Apr. 18, 1942 to Oct. 7, 1942

Died 27th June, 1947

JOHN ALBERT ROWLAND

Oct. 2, 1940 to April 18, 1942

Died 18th April, 1942

DOUGLAS GORDON McILWRAITH

Oct. 7, 1942 to Feb. 2, 1948

Died 2nd February, 1948

GEORGE HENRY ROSS

Feb. 2, 1948 to Feb. 14, 1950

Died 14th February, 1950

DOUGLAS FRASER

Feb. 14, 1950 to Oct. 15, 1952

Died 26th August, 1968

CLARENCE MacLEOD PITTS

Oct. 15, 1952 to Sept. 21, 1955

Died 10th April, 1965

THOMAS KINGSMILL WADE

Sept. 21, 1955 to Sept. 11, 1958

Died 20th January, 1965

RICHARD COULTON BERKINSHAW

Sept. 7, 1961 to Sept. 9, 1964

Died 4th May, 1970

GEORGE CLEVELAND DERBY

Sept. 9, 1964 to Sept. 13th, 1967

Died 5th January, 1971

CHARLES HERBERT CUNNINGHAM

Sept. 13, 1967 to Sept. 12, 1969

Died 12th September, 1969

DONALD LLOYD WITTER

Sept. 12, 1969 to Sept. 8, 1973

Died 21st June, 1992

HOWARD BROWN MOORE

1970 Honorary

Died 6th June, 1978

HARVEY ROY DOANE

Sept. 8, 1973 to Sept. 11, 1976

Died 10th June, 1989

WALTER CLIFTON McDONALD

Sept. 11, 1976 to Sept. 15, 1979

Died 7th November, 1999

WALTER HENRY MORTLOCK

Sept. 15, 1979 to Sept. 11, 1982

Died 17th January, 1998

LYLE HERBERT BERGSTROM

Sept. 11, 1982 to Sept. 14, 1985

Died 8th August, 1992

GORDON LOCKHART BENNETT

Sept. 14, 1985 to Sept. 10, 1988

Died 11th February, 2000

JOHN ALLAN BOURNE

Sept. 10, 1988 to Sept. 14, 1991

Died 11th, October, 2000

JOHN VINCENT LAWER

Sept. 14, 1991 to Sept. 10, 1994

HAROLD EDWARD CROSBY

Sept. 10, 1994 to Sept. 13, 1997

GLENN MARVIN MARTIN

Sept. 13, 1997 to Sept. 16, 2000

Died 8th, April, 2015

NORMAN EDWARD BYRNE

Sept. 16, 2000 to Sept 13, 2003

Died 13th, Sept., 2005

ORLAN JOHN WEBER

Sept. 13, 2003 to Sept. 16, 2006

CHARLES ROBERT TOWNSHEND

Sept. 16, 2006 to Sept. 19, 2009

Died 14th March, 2015

MATTHEW FRANCIS TODD

Sept. 19, 2009 to Sept. 15, 2012

RICHARD AUSTIN H. BROWN

Sept. 15, 2012 to Sept. 19, 2015

TERRY ALLAN McLEAN

Sept. 19, 2015

Past Annual Sessions

1874 ~ Ottawa	1915 ~ Ottawa
1875 ~ Montréal	1916 ~ Montréal
1876 ~ "	1917 ~ London
1877 ~ "	1918 ~ Hamilton
1878 ~ "	1919 ~ Montreal
1879 ~ "	1920 ~ Hamilton
~ (special in March at Hamilton)	1921 ~ Ottawa
1880 ~ Montréal	1922 ~ Montréal
1881 ~ "	1923 ~ Toronto
1882 ~ "	~ (special at Hamilton)
1883 ~ "	1924 ~ Vancouver
1884 ~ "	1925 ~ Montréal
1885 ~ (Not held at Saint John)	1926 ~ Halifax
~ (special in April at Hamilton)	1927 ~ Hamilton
1886 ~ Montréal	1928 ~ Montréal
~ (special in November at Hamilton)	1929 ~ Edmonton
1887 ~ Montréal	1930 ~ Toronto
1888 ~ "	1931 ~ Montréal
1889 ~ "	1932 ~ Saint John
1890 ~ Hamilton	1933 ~ Ottawa
1891 ~ Saint John	1934 ~ Montréal
1892 ~ Montréal	1935 ~ Vancouver
1893 ~ "	1936 ~ London
1894 ~ Toronto	1937 ~ Montréal
1895 ~ Montréal	1938 ~ Halifax
1896 ~ Ottawa	1939 ~ Fort William
1897 ~ Montréal	1940 ~ Montréal
1898 ~ "	1941 ~ Regina
1899 ~ Saint John	1942 ~ Hamilton
1900 ~ Toronto	1943 ~ Montréal
1901 ~ Montréal	1944 ~ Windsor
1902 ~ "	1945 ~ Hamilton (93)
1903 ~ Toronto	1946 ~ Québec (111) (67)
1904 ~ Montréal	1947 ~ Calgary (111) (73)
1905 ~ Ottawa	1948 ~ London (158) (100)
1906 ~ London	1949 ~ Saint John (150) (101)
1907 ~ Montréal	1950 ~ Ottawa (189) (119)
1908 ~ "	1951 ~ Winnipeg (176) (118)
1909 ~ Toronto	1952 ~ Niagara Falls (230) (146)
1910 ~ Montréal	1953 ~ Montréal (201) (147)
1911 ~ Winnipeg	1954 ~ Toronto (243) (197)
1912 ~ Hamilton	1955 ~ Vancouver (184) (146)
1913 ~ Montréal	1956 ~ Hamilton (224) (199)
1914 ~ Toronto	1957 ~ Halifax (200) (159)

1958 ~ Windsor (247) (199)	1994 ~ Halifax (337) (285)
1959 ~ Saskatoon (199) (143)	1995 ~ Kingston (336) (289)
1960 ~ Fort William (220) (157)	1996 ~ Calgary (347) (291)
1961 ~ St. Andrews (205) (159)	1997 ~ Barrie (309) (254)
1962 ~ London (291) (230)	1998 ~ Montréal (327) (274)
1963 ~ Edmonton (242) (177)	1999 ~ Niagara Falls (326) (269)
1964 ~ Ottawa (289) (245)	2000 ~ Winnipeg (334) (272)
1965 ~ Montréal (264) (204)	2001 ~ London (307) (246)
1966 ~ Niagara Falls (268) (220)	2002 ~ Saint John (290) (233)
1967 ~ Winnipeg (256) (193)	2003 ~ Windsor (307) (230)
1968 ~ Hamilton (351) (269)	2004 ~ Edmonton (350) (272)
1969 ~ Halifax (265) (213)	2005 ~ Toronto (326) (262)
1970 ~ Toronto (290) (220)	2006 ~ Halifax (340) (280)
1971 ~ Calgary (287) (223)	2007 ~ Ottawa (320) (251)
1972 ~ Windsor (273) (206)	2008 ~ Vancouver (255) (201)
1973 ~ Vancouver (283) (224)	2009 ~ Hamilton (296) (211)
1974 ~ Ottawa (368) (315)	2010 ~ Moncton (234) (173)
1975 ~ Hamilton (301) (252)	2011 ~ Thunder Bay (245) (170)
1976 ~ Regina (316) (257)	2012 ~ Winnipeg (209) (131)
1977 ~ Hamilton (331) (278)	2013 ~ Barrie (284) (215)
1978 ~ Moncton (299) (252)	2014 ~ Halifax (239) (181)
1979 ~ Niagara Falls (360) (312)	2015 ~ Windsor (278) (195)
1980 ~ Winnipeg (387) (316)	
1981 ~ Peterborough (419) (346)	
1982 ~ Fredericton (349) (301)	
1983 ~ Toronto (410) (331)	
1984 ~ Edmonton (392) (326)	
1985 ~ London (462) (383)	
1986 ~ Charlottetown (396) (346)	
1987 ~ Windsor (375) (305)	
1988 ~ Vancouver (416) (343)	
1989 ~ Ottawa (411) (334)	
1990 ~ St. John's (353) (302)	
1991 ~ Thunder Bay (332) (273)	
1992 ~ Saskatoon (356) (291)	
1993 ~ Hamilton (358) (284)	

Year ~ City (Members) (Ladies)

2016 ~ St. John's, NF	Thursday, September 15 to Saturday, September 17, 2016
2017 ~ Montreal, QC	Thursday, September 14 to Saturday, September 16, 2017
2018 ~ London, ON	Thursday, September 13 to Saturday, September 15, 2018
2019 ~ TBA	



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Active Members By Seniority

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John Vincent Lawer, Q.C., B.A., LL.B., LL.M.	Sept. 08, 1970	Sept. 13, 1975
Harold Edward Crosby, F.C.A.	Sept. 10, 1976	Sept. 12, 1981
Orlan John Weber, B.Sc., P.Eng., F.C.S.C.E.	Sept. 10, 1987	Sept. 12, 1992
Matthew Francis Todd	Sept. 12, 1996	Sept. 18, 1999
Allard Boudewijn Loopstra	Sept. 10, 1992	Sept. 16, 2000
Robert Stuart Whitmore, B.A., LL.B.	Sept. 08, 1994	Sept. 16, 2000
Michael Ward	Sept. 17, 1998	Sept. 16, 2000
Thomas Edward Lewis, C.A.	Sept. 13, 1990	Sept. 15, 2001
Brian Wilfred Gilkinson, B.A., LL.B.	Sept. 13, 2001	Sept. 15, 2001
Richard Austin Howell Brown	Sept. 17, 1998	Sept. 14, 2002
Michael David Huron Farr, B.A., L. Th.	Sept. 12, 1991	Sept. 13, 2003
Loren William Kline, PhD	Sept. 17, 1998	Sept. 13, 2003
Kenneth Dean McComb	Sept. 15, 2005	Sept. 17, 2005
Gareth Rhys Taylor	Sept. 13, 2001	Sept. 16, 2006
William Charles Fitzsimmons	Sept. 12, 2002	Sept. 16, 2006
James Stephen Ross	Sept. 10, 1992	Sept. 15, 2007
Terry Allan McLean	Sept. 15, 2005	Sept. 13, 2008
David Ronald MacDonald	Sept. 13, 2001	Sept. 19, 2009
Duncan Stuart Skinner	Sept. 17, 2009	Sept. 19, 2009
Chesley Roy Piercey	Sept. 09, 1993	Sept. 18, 2010
Robert David Brethour	Sept. 14, 2000	Sept. 18, 2010
John Wesley Trousdale	Sept. 11, 2003	Sept. 18, 2010
Victor Lepp	Sept. 12, 2002	Sept. 17, 2011
William Arthur Atkinson	Sept. 14, 2006	Sept. 17, 2011
Gordon Greasely	Sept. 13, 2007	Sept. 17, 2011
Stephen Godfrey	Sept. 12, 1996	Sept. 15, 2012
Wilfred Douglas Keam	Sept. 12, 1996	Sept. 15, 2012
James Crawford Sutherland	Sept. 14, 2000	Sept. 15, 2012
James Gerard Finch	Sept. 16, 2004	Sept. 15, 2012
Jean Reed	Sept. 16, 2004	Sept. 14, 2013
David Garth Hooper	Sept. 15, 2005	Sept. 14, 2013
Miles Rae Graham	Sept. 14, 2006	Sept. 14, 2013
Alan Douglas Arbuckle	Sept. 13, 2012	Sept. 14, 2013
David Allan Bennett	Sept. 14, 2006	Sept. 13, 2014
Allan John Leslie Hadley	Sept. 14, 2013	Sept. 13, 2014
William Anthony Davis	Sept. 13, 2007	Sept. 15, 2015
Jeffrey Ralph Dickson	Sept. 13, 2001	Sept. 15, 2015
John Edward Harrison	Sept. 14, 2006	Sept. 15, 2015
Karl Edmond Springer	Sept. 17, 1998	Sept. 15, 2015

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Past Active Members By Seniority

	<u>Date of 33rd Degree</u>	<u>Date of Past Active Membership</u>
John Earl Esworthy Winch, B.S.A., M.S.A., Ph.D....	Sept. 13, 1984	Sept. 14, 1996
Donald Walter Lambie	Sept. 12, 1975	Sept. 13, 1997
Thomas Virgil Hannan, B.Ed., B.A.	Sept. 15, 1983	Sept. 13, 1997
Robert George Wands, C.M.A., F.C.M.A.	Sept. 13, 1990	Sept. 16, 2000
Robert Lawrence Waddell, B.A.	Sept. 13, 1984	Sept. 15, 2001
Kenneth Samuel Orr, B.A.	Sept. 13, 1984	Sept. 14, 2002
Philippe Armand Decelles, C.L.U.	Sept. 10, 1981	Sept. 13, 2003
Stanley James Clayton.....	Sept. 08, 1988	Sept. 17, 2005
Oliver Jack Sproule	Sept. 13, 1984	Sept. 16, 2006
Charles Edwin Drew	Sept. 08, 1988	Sept. 16, 2006
Donald Adam Murray	Sept. 13, 1990	Sept. 16, 2006
Gerald Allister Chaulk	Sept. 13, 1974	Sept. 15, 2007
Richard David Quinton	Sept. 10, 1987	Sept. 15, 2007
Alexander William Watson	Sept. 14, 1989	Sept. 15, 2007
John Andrew Prosnick.....	Sept. 16, 1999	Sept. 15, 2007
John Dennis Chadbourne.....	Sept. 14, 1989	Sept. 19, 2009
Sydney Raymond Whiteley	Sept. 09, 1993	Sept. 19, 2009
Donald Roy Thornton	Sept. 10, 1992	Sept. 18, 2010
William Archibald Dorman Cook.....	Sept. 09, 1993	Sept. 18, 2010
George Neilson Cooper.....	Sept. 14, 2006	Sept. 18, 2010
John Carl Fairthorne.....	Sept. 13, 1984	Sept. 17, 2011
Maurice Hrycyk	Sept. 08, 1988	Sept. 17, 2011
Donald Douglas Thornton	Sept. 14, 1995	Sept. 17, 2011
James Taylor Wood	Sept. 16, 2004	Sept. 17, 2011
Robert Alfred Barnett.....	Sept. 11, 1986	Sept. 15, 2012
Robert LeRoux Taylor	Sept. 08, 1994	Sept. 15, 2012
Ray Thomas Bryant.....	Sept. 14, 2000	Sept. 15, 2012
Gordon Stanley Young	Sept. 10, 1987	Sept. 14, 2013
Pierre Arthur Phaneuf, B.A., L.L.L., D.E.S.....	Sept. 10, 1992	Sept. 14, 2013
Harry Edward Standish, C.A.	Sept. 12, 1996	Sept. 14, 2013
Samuel Kalinowsky	Sept. 13, 2007	Sept. 14, 2013
Rozin Daniel Iwanicki	Sept. 12, 1996	Sept. 13, 2014
Marvin LaGrange Munro	Sept. 09, 1982	Sept. 18, 2015
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ALBERTA (75)

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Austin, John Howard	Ranfurly	Sept. 10, 1992
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Berard, Gordon Paul	Calgary	Sept. 16, 2004
Berry, James Edward	Edmonton	Sept. 13, 2007
Bly, Elmer Franklin	Edmonton	Sept. 17, 1998
Brown, Douglas William	Calgary	Sept. 13, 2007
Canning, Howard Gordon	Sherwood Park	Sept. 11, 2008
Christensen, George Douglas	Edmonton	Sept. 16, 2010
Costouros, Basile	Leduc	Sept. 12, 1996
Creasor, Duane David	Lethbridge	Sept. 27, 2015
Darichuk, George Thomas	Bashaw	Sept. 10, 1992
Dawe, John Anderson	Edmonton	Sept. 08, 1988
Dawson, Gordon Rex	Edmonton	Sept. 15, 2011
Dickey, Thomas James	Calgary	Sept. 16, 2004
Downs, Norman Edward	Calgary	Sept. 13, 2007
Drolet, Terrence Armitage	Wetaskiwin	Sept. 13, 1990
Elford, Clyde Henry	Calgary	Sept. 13, 1990
Elliot, Allan Glen	Calgary	Sept. 17, 1998
Fedun, John	Edmonton	Sept. 13, 2007
Flemmer, Theodore Allan	Medicine Hat	Sept. 16, 2004
Forsdick, John Edward	Edmonton	Sept. 12, 2002
Fraser, Karl Thomas	Calgary	Sept. 11, 2008
Fyfe, Albert Edward	Brooks	Sept. 11, 2014
Gyulai, Daniel Anthony	Lethbridge	Sept. 17, 2009
Head, George Cyril	Calgary	Sept. 08, 1994
Hite, William Lundgren	St. Albert	Sept. 14, 2006
Hughes, Douglas Franklin	Calgary	Sept. 11, 1986
Hutton, James Bruce	Lethbridge	Sept. 15, 2005
Innes, James	Central Alberta	Sept. 15, 2011
James, Ronald William	Edmonton	Sept. 11, 2008
Jones, Joseph Arthur	Onoway	Sept. 14, 2006
Juthner, Robert Eugene	Edmonton	Sept. 13, 1984
Kennaway, Robert Adam	Sherwood Park	Sept. 17, 2015
Klumph, Samuel George	Claresholm	Sept. 14, 2006
Kobluk, William Douglas	Edmonton	Sept. 15, 2005
Kuenzel, Johannes	Calgary	Sept. 15, 2005

Kwasnycia, Nestor Michael _____	Ardossan _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Lamont, Robert Daniel _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Livingstone, William Matthew _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Long, Allan Leonard _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 11, 2014
MacArthur, Allan _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 15, 2005
MacMoneagle, Stuart Munn _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Millar, Donald Ryan _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 15, 1983
Mottershead, Stanley Irwin _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Mouser, Stanley Ross _____	Claresholm _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Odland, Richard D. _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Otto, Verne Alexander _____	Lacombe _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Pay, Murray Vernon Desmond _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Phillips, Russell Gary _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Ponech, Rodney Bowman _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Ratcliff, Henry Arthur _____	Medicine Hat _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Reynolds, John Henry _____	Medicine Hat _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Robertson, John Duncan _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Rojas, Jorge Wilibaldo _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Ross, Robert Edward _____	Ponoka _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Roth, David Albert _____	Camrose _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Royal, Arthur Nelson _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Senn, Norman John _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 15, 1983
Shutt, Craig Kenneth _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Simpson, Robert Cray _____	Sherwood Park _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Skakun, John _____	Ft Saskatchewan _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Sonley, Roy Ernest _____	Medicine Hat _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Spicer, Leigh Thomas John _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Stark, Karl Robert _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Stewart, Angus Colin _____	Sherwood _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Stuparek, Kenneth Irvin _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 11, 1986
Sykes, George William _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Vaughan, Lloyd Vern _____	Lethbridge _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Vines, Irwin Charles _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Watkins, John David _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Welke, Walter Harold _____	Barrhead _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Williams, Christopher Arthur John _____	Edmonton _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Youngstrom, E. Dale _____	Calgary _____	Sept. 11, 2003

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Barr, Jack Lyle _____	Vancouver _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Battle, Jesse Felix _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 11, 2008

Birdsell, Donald Gordon _____	Sardis _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Birnie, Richard Allan _____	Coldstream _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Bolger, Edward Carl _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Bott, Stanley William _____	Kamloops _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Bowcott, Jordan Roy _____	Coquitlam _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Brown, Winston Samuel Albert _____	Castlegar _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Calli, Michael Kenneth _____	E. Prince Rupert _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Campbell, Donald Leslie _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Cardinez, Winston Ambrose _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Cave, William Rutherford _____	Quesnel _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Clare, Richard Hiliard _____	Prince George _____	Sept. 10, 1981
Clark, Matthew Ridgley _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Cross, John Alan _____	Nanaimo _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Dearing, Mark Seymour _____	Armstrong _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Dearlow, Loyd _____	Coquitlam _____	Sept. 08, 1988
Donaldson, Mark Stephen _____	Campbell River _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Durell, Philip Henry Edward _____	Vancouver _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Eales, Peter Raymond _____	North Vancouver _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Easton, Douglas George _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Erickson, Alfred Joseph _____	Delta _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Ferguson, Charles William _____	Salmon Arm _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Fulton, James Hugh _____	Kamloops _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Gibson, David Lachlan _____	Vancouver _____	Sept. 13, 1984
Gillespie, Robert Reid _____	Delta _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Gordon, Aidan Chalmers _____	Vancouver _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Gordon, Alexander Phillip Spencer _____	Salt Spring Island _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Hahn, Stanley Richard Gregory _____	Castlegar _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Hardy, Thomas Burnett _____	Vancouver _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Harper, John Thomas _____	Kamloops _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Hayes, Harold James _____	Campbell River _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Headen, Richard William _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Hilborn, William Harvey _____	Brentwood Bay _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Holland, Thomas John _____	Coquitlam _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Jackson, William Cecil _____	Vancouver _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Kautz, Arvid _____	Vancouver _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Kerr, Robert Cameron _____	Kelowna _____	Sept. 09, 1993
Kerridge, David Charles _____	Merritt _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Link, Lawrence William _____	Nelson _____	Sept. 08, 1988
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McGregor, Peter Walker Watt _____	Richmond _____	Sept. 11, 1980
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McSween, Robert Donald _____	Sardis _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Mitchell, Dennis Weston _____	Vernon _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Molyneux, William Edmund Mitchell _____	Naramata _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Moore, George _____	Surrey _____	Sept. 16, 2010

Moreshead, James Arthur _____	Brentwood Bay _____	Sept. 09, 1993
Moxley, Murray Clinton _____	Delta _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Munro, Donald Alfred _____	Kamloops _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Munro, Donald Clifford _____	Port Coquitlam _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Murray, Andrew Angus _____	Nanaimo _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Neudorf, Cornelius John _____	Abbotsford _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Norbury, Michael Robin _____	West Vancouver _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Nordan, Harold _____	Langley _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Ogilvie, Donald Loring _____	Kamloops _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Parent, R. Lawrence _____	Delta _____	Sept. 11, 2014
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Parker, Earl Joseph _____	Campbell River _____	Sept. 08, 1988
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Poncia, William John _____	Prince George _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Sands, John Leonard _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Sauder, Gerald Bryan _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Schultz, Rex Lorn _____	Vernon _____	Sept. 17, 1998
Shandalla, John Carl _____	Kelowna _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Shaw, Henry W. _____	Penticton _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Shollert, William Eli _____	Langley _____	Sept. 08, 1988
Sowden, Douglas, Robert _____	Nanaimo _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Stanley, Norman James _____	Coquitlam _____	Sept. 11, 1986
Stirling, William Lang _____	Vancouver _____	Sept. 09, 1982
Sutherland, Neil McLeod _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Swityk, Albert Henry _____	Grand Forks _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Taylor, William Earle _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Teleske, John Gray _____	North Vancouver _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Thompson, Arthur Robert _____	Port Alberni _____	Sept. 13, 1990
Turner, Harold Kendall _____	Coquitlam _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Wakelyn, Donald William _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 13, 1984
Ward, Leonard Golding _____	Kamloops _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Weller, William Neil _____	Prince George _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Whyte, William _____	Langley _____	Sept. 17, 1998
Woodburn, Jeffery Allen _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Woods, Charles Ernest _____	Victoria _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Wyatt, Kenneth James _____	Nanaimo _____	Sept. 17, 2009

MANITOBA (29)

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Cox, Kenneth Richard _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Davidson, Keith Ian _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Dickson, Frederic John _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Duke, Vernon _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Fergusson, John Archibald _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 09, 1982

Forshaw, Earle Philip _____	Matlock _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Gilchrist, William Alexander _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Haldane-Wilsone, Charles Rae _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Holt, David James _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Jackson, James Irvine _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Johnston, Calvin Ralph _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 12, 1985
Johnston, Ross Adair _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 10, 1976
Kindrat, Derek Edwin _____	Brandon _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Ledger, Ronald Blair _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Little, Robert Brandon _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Logan, James David _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 13, 2007
McKay, Morley John _____	Brandon _____	Sept. 11, 2008
McLachlan, Donald Kenneth _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 10, 1981
McMullan, Robert Grant _____	Brandon _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Mildren, Walter Alfred _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 13, 1974
Odgers, Herbert Trevor _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Pallister, Harley George _____	Brandon _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Pohl, Norman Rudolf _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Rosenbaum, Harry Joseph _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Sidebottom, Thomas Walter _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 15, 1983
Taylor, Alexander Bruce _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Tennant, Charles Russell _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Winslow, Paul Blake _____	Winnipeg _____	Sept. 15, 2005

NEW BRUNSWICK (31)

Bishop, Leonard Douglas _____	New Zion _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Bishop, Allan Harold _____	Chipman _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Brown, Lary Edwin _____	York County _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Caldwell, Eric Ernest _____	St. Stephen _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Clouston, Murray Elwin _____	Salmon Beach _____	Sept. 09, 1993
Ellsworth, Barry Vance _____	Riverview _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Ellsworth, Gordon Scott _____	Moncton _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Esligar, William Lloyd _____	Fredericton _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Finnie, Ronald Geoffrey _____	New Maryland _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Fraser, Graham Alexander _____	Quispamsis _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Gagnon, Nelson Joseph _____	Lutes Mountain _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Kelly, Lawrence Reid _____	Moncton _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Kierstead, Robert Allen _____	Saint John _____	Sept. 07, 1978
Knowles, Derek Colin _____	Petit Rocher _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Manning, Leigh Lynn _____	Moncton _____	Sept. 16, 2010
McClare, Robert Layton _____	Fredericton _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Millett, William Donald _____	Moncton _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Moffatt, Jr. Cameron David _____	Fredericton _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Nason, Osborne LeBaron _____	Quispamis _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Nelson, Randall William _____	Kingston _____	Sept. 14, 2006

Palmer, Miton Alexander _____	Moncton _____	Sept. 11, 1980
Pelley, Finlay Graham _____	Quispamsis _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Petite, William James _____	Darlings Island _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Roberts, Donald Charles _____	Riverview _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Robinson, Russell John _____	Rothsay _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Ross, Ora Douglas _____	MacLaggen Bridge _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Sherrard, Edward Sterling _____	Moncton _____	Sept. 10, 1976
Smith, Walter Llewellyn _____	Miramichi _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Whitcomb, Richard Murdoch _____	Saint John _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Wood, Douglas Andrew _____	Moncton _____	Sept. 13, 1990
Young, Edward Arthur _____	Stilesville _____	Sept. 17, 1998

NEWFOUNDLAND (7)

Budden, Gerald William _____	Conception Bay South _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Devereaux, Owen _____	Logy Bay _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Greenslade, Gerald Morgan _____	Long Pond _____	Sept. 11, 1980
Handrigan, Clayton Thornhill _____	Conception Bay South _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Ralph, David Norman _____	St. John's _____	Sept. 14, 1989
Rowsell, James Hedley _____	Paradise _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Saunders, William Roy _____	Carbonear _____	Sept. 17, 1998

NOVA SCOTIA (39)

Alteen, David Waldo _____	Sydney _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Armstrong, Lawrin Carl _____	Shubenacadie _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Banks, Earl Leopold _____	Tantallon _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Black, William Marshall _____	Kentville _____	Sept. 15, 1983
Clarke, Norman Kent _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Conn, John Kirk _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Conrad, Gordon Franklyn _____	Dartmouth _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Crewe, Hector Ross _____	North Sydney _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Daine, Harry Edward David _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Decker, Cecil Elvin _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 13, 1990
Ford, Harvey James _____	New Glasgow _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Frank, Paul Eugene _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Fulton, Robert James _____	Truro _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Granchelli, Gordon Francis _____	Sydney _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Gregan, James Ivan _____	Dartmouth _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Horwich, Michael _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Ihasz, Louis _____	Baddeck _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Jackson, Edward Carson _____	Beechville _____	Sept. 13, 2001
Jollimore, Robert Maxwell _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Karrel, Samuel _____	Glace Bay _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Langham, David George _____	Sydney _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Lintaman, Roger L _____	Dartmouth _____	Sept. 11, 2003

MacDonald, Brian Lee _____	Westmount _____	Sept. 16, 2004
MacDonald, Donald Phillip _____	Baddeck _____	Sept. 14, 2006
MacFarlane, Gordon Shane _____	Baddeck _____	Sept. 14, 1995
MacLellan, Gerrald Barrie _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 14, 2006
MacLeod, Donald Ferguson _____	Glace Bay _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Meunier, Lloyd Walter _____	Dartmouth _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Milne, Frank Emmett _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 11, 1980
Pettigrew, Keith Basil _____	Cambridge _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Pizzo, Ronald Ernest _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Publicover, Gerald Louis _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Reid, George Wesley _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Rideout, Roy Allister _____	Glace Bay _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Smith, Burney Arthur _____	Bedford _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Thornhill, Roland John _____	Baddeck _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Toole, John Harold Vernon _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Waterbury, David John Cunningham _____	Kentville _____	Sept. 12, 1985
Wilkie, Raymond Edward _____	Halifax _____	Sept. 15, 2005

ONTARIO (604)

Abraham. Victor Joel _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Adamson, Kenneth Clare _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 13, 2001
Adeite, Obafemi _____	Don Mills _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Alexander, Beverly Charles Wallace _____	Burlington _____	Sept. 13, 2001
Alexander, Charles R. _____	New Liskard _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Allingham, William Wilford _____	Corunna _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Amis, David Edward _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Andersen, Bent Ove _____	London _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Anderson, Alvin James _____	Islington _____	Sept. 09, 1977
Anderson, Bruce David _____	Thunder Bay _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Anderson, Ernest John Burns _____	Etobicoke _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Anderson, James Elverton _____	Everett _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Anderson, John Christopher _____	Temagami _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Anderson, John Karl _____	Kapuskasing _____	Sept. 12, 1985
Anderson, William John _____	London _____	Sept. 12, 1985
Armstrong, John Herbert _____	Englehart _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Arscott, Clifford Victor _____	Fenelon Falls _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Ashley, Jason Brandon _____	Sudbury _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Ashley, Paul Brandon _____	Smooth Rock Falls _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Atkinson, Dennis Gordon _____	Thamesville _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Atkinson, Gary Laverne _____	Wyoming _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Atkinson, Walter Herbert _____	Guelph _____	Sept. 08, 1988
Atkinson, Jr. William Michael _____	Amherstburg _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Atsidakos, Peter _____	Mississauga _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Ault, John Sydney _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Bailey, Murray Brian _____	Fenelon Falls _____	Sept. 13, 2012

Bailey, Robert William	Oil City	Sept. 14, 2000
Bain, Donald William	North Bay	Sept. 14, 1995
Baker, John Albert	Mount Hope	Sept. 16, 2004
Ball, Colin Arthur Wallace	Whitby	Sept. 12, 1996
Banks, Douglas Randall	London	Sept. 08, 1994
Barber, James Russell	Wallacetown	Sept. 13, 2001
Barber, Paul Michael	Amherstburg	Sept. 17, 2009
Barker, Albert Arthur	Brantford	Sept. 14, 1989
Barker, Wayne Harry	London	Sept. 17, 2009
Barnes, Willard Carman	Chatham	Sept. 11, 2008
Barnett, William Lloyd	London	Sept. 13, 1984
Barr, Peter Stuart	Thunder Bay	Sept. 14, 2000
Bayne, George Potter	Woodstock	Sept. 12, 2013
Beard, Francis William John	Kirkland Lake	Sept. 12, 1985
Bedford, Brock Howard	St. George	Sept. 10, 1987
Beggs, Keith David	Thessalon	Sept. 10, 1992
Bell, John David	Sudbury	Sept. 12, 2013
Bennett, Donald	Toronto	Sept. 11, 2003
Benton, George Frederick	Dundas	Sept. 08, 1988
Beringer, Robert Dale	Grimsby	Sept. 11, 2003
Berry, Robert Alan	Bowmanville	Sept. 16, 1999
Binch, Stephen Earl	Hamilton	Sept. 13, 2001
Binns, Thomas Roy	Burlington	Sept. 12, 2002
Birdsall, William George	St. Catharines	Sept. 17, 1998
Birnie, Allan J. F.	Scarborough	Sept. 11, 2003
Black, John Ross Albert	London	Sept. 17, 2015
Black, Murray Strathearn	Toronto	Sept. 12, 1996
Blair, Rodney Charles	Guelph	Sept. 15, 2011
Bodrogi, Leslie Tibor	Mississauga	Sept. 11, 2008
Bothwell, Ray James	Peterborough	Sept. 16, 1999
Boucher, Jerome John	St. Catharines	Sept. 16, 2004
Boyd, David Jasper	Barrie	Sept. 11, 2014
Boynton, Edward Bruce	Stroud	Sept. 09, 1982
Bracken, Lyman Clair	Naughton	Sept. 17, 2015
Braslins, Armin	Kanata	Sept. 14, 2006
Breitsprecher, Peter Heinz	Thunder Bay	Sept. 12, 2002
Brenneman, Earl Jacob	Embro	Sept. 17, 2009
Brewe, John Ronald	London	Sept. 16, 2004
Bridges, James Baird	St. Thomas	Sept. 14, 2006
Brimer, Jr. William Norman	Burlington	Sept. 16, 2010
Brinston, Kenneth Gerard	Ottawa	Sept. 14, 2006
Britton, Harvey Neil	Belleville	Sept. 08, 1994
Brodhurst, Ian Daniel	Schomberg	Sept. 16, 1999
Brodsky, Morton Irving	Windsor	Sept. 17, 2015
Brooks, Clark Stuart	Grimsby	Sept. 11, 1997
Brooks, Robert James	Grimsby	Sept. 16, 1999

Brown, Lorne Thomas _____	Elora _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Brown, Terence John _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Burns, William David _____	Nepean _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Burrell, Earl Godfrey _____	Markham _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Burrill, Beverley Carlyle _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Bye, Robert Stanley _____	Chatham _____	Sept. 13, 2001
Byers, Lyle Gordon _____	Chesterville _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Cakebread, James Richard _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 17, 1998
Calder, George Morris _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 11, 1986
Cameron, David James _____	Waterloo _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Cameron, David Richard Norman _____	London _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Campbell, Donald _____	Ancaster _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Campbell, Donald Alexander _____	Markham _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Campbell, Vernon Gordon _____	Lively _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Campbell, Ronald Kenneth _____	Nepean _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Carlisle, James Kernaghan _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Carlson, Rene Paul _____	Warren _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Case, Brian Douglas _____	Erieau _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Cassie, James Thomas _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 13, 2001
Cayen, Gary Richard _____	Sudbury _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Chamberlain, Joseph Charles _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Chamney, William Robert _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Chartier, Bryan Patrick _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Chase, Kenneth Wayne _____	Thunder Bay _____	Sept. 17, 1998
Chisholm, William George _____	Etobicoke _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Chivers, John Bernard _____	Grimsby _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Christensen, Eric Ole _____	Minden _____	Sept. 08, 1988
Christie, Jeffrey Alan _____	Ottawa _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Chua, Edwin Teng _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Clancy, Raymond Albert _____	Lakefield _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Clark, Douglas Glen _____	Kent Bridge _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Clark, John Colin _____	South River _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Clarke, Harold _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Clauson, George Robert _____	Greely _____	Sept. 14, 1989
Clunie, Ian Lambie _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Coggins, Howard William _____	Huntsville _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Collins, Robert Edwin _____	Mississauga _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Connor, Paul William Walter _____	Orillia _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Conway, Douglas Alfred _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Cook, Guy Willard _____	Fenwick _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Corbett, Charles Patrick _____	Ailsa Craig _____	Sept. 11, 1986
Cornthwaite, John Thomas _____	Sudbury _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Cosens, Donald Leroy _____	St. Thomas _____	Sept. 09, 1977
Coulter, Murray Leroy _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 09, 1993
Cousins, Charles Lawrie _____	London _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Coyle, Leon Michael _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 12, 2013

Cranston, Wilbert Andrew	Wheatley	Sept. 17, 1998
Crawford, Douglas Alexander	Midhurst	Sept. 12, 2013
Crinklaw, John Jay	London	Sept. 14, 2000
Crocker, Lewis Charles	Rexdale	Sept. 14, 2000
Crow, Charles Wyatt	London	Sept. 14, 1989
Crowder, Ray Harold	Amherstburg	Sept. 14, 2000
Crutcher, Gordon Collings	Thornhill	Sept. 14, 2006
Curl, Gordon Franklin	Guelph	Sept. 13, 2001
Currie, Horatio Daryl	Toronto	Sept. 16, 2004
Cuthbertson, Dale Alexander	Sarnia	Sept. 12, 2002
Dale, Ian Brickenden	London	Sept. 13, 2007
Daniels, Raymond Sidney James	Kitchener	Sept. 15, 2005
Dasti, David Allen	Kaministiquia	Sept. 17, 2015
Davidson, Donald Alan	London	Sept. 14, 2006
Davidson, Gary W	Komoka	Sept. 11, 2003
Davidson, John	Kingston	Sept. 14, 1995
Davies, Richard Cerwyn	Toronto	Sept. 16, 2004
Davies, Thomas Richard	Willowdale	Sept. 10, 1992
Day, Robert Avery	London	Sept. 16, 2010
Deline, Ronald Gradon	Unionville	Sept. 17, 1998
Dixon, John Ross	Lively	Sept. 10, 1981
Dobson, David Bruce	Badjeros	Sept. 13, 1990
Dobson, John Kaberry	Kingsville	Sept. 16, 2004
Domjan, Louis Michael	Caledonia	Sept. 12, 2013
Douglas, Thomas Kennedy	North York	Sept. 12, 2013
Dow, Murray Austin	Etobicoke	Sept. 14, 2000
Dowling, David Garry	London	Sept. 16, 2010
Downes, Bowers Andrew	Mississauga	Sept. 08, 1994
Downey, Douglas John	Hamilton	Sept. 13, 2001
Draker, Fredrick Douglas	Arnprior	Sept. 14, 2000
Drew, Robert Arthur	Nepean	Sept. 11, 1986
Dunn, Frank Gerald	Mississauga	Sept. 09, 1993
Dunn, Wayne Edward	St. Thomas	Sept. 11, 2014
Durant, Mark Spencer	Kingston	Sept. 15, 2005
Dvorak, Allan Charles	Pickering	Sept. 12, 2013
Edwards, Bruce Gordon	Toronto	Sept. 14, 2006
Edwards, Timothy Alan	Scarborough	Sept. 17, 2015
Elcombe, Edward Williamson	Downsview	Sept. 11, 1997
Elgie, Wayne Earl	Burlington	Sept. 12, 1991
Emerick, Philip Walter	Florence	Sept. 13, 1990
Ennest, William Stephen Scott	Niagara Falls	Sept. 17, 2009
Ewen, Peter Donald	Ancaster	Sept. 11, 1997
Eyre, Michael Sean	Peterborough	Sept. 17, 1998
Fairbairn, George Brent	St. Catharines	Sept. 13, 2012
Falkingham, J. Douglas	Windsor	Sept. 11, 2003
Farrell, Paul Gilbert	Ajax	Sept. 11, 2008

Fenton, Paul Douglas	Burlington	Sept. 16, 2004
Ferguson, Andrew	Thunder Bay	Sept. 12, 1985
Ferrie, David	Innisfil	Sept. 13, 2012
Fick, Donald Ray	Aylmer	Sept. 13, 1990
Fickling, David Arthur	London	Sept. 13, 2001
Fiddes, Thomas Henry	Ancaster	Sept. 16, 2004
Findlater, Ronald Leroy Mitchell	Woodstock	Sept. 15, 2011
Fisher, Thomas Keith	Camlachie	Sept. 14, 2006
Flemming, Lloyd Roy	Bracebridge	Sept. 14, 2006
Foote, Robert Harold	Aurora	Sept. 15, 1983
Ford, James Edwin	London	Sept. 16, 2004
Fordham, Frank Richard	Hamilton	Sept. 12, 1996
Forster, Robert Brooks	Sault Ste. Marie	Sept. 16, 2004
Frank, William Charles	London	Sept. 07, 1978
Fraser, Angus R.	London	Sept. 11, 2003
Freedman, Richard Lee	Kirkland Lake	Sept. 16, 2010
Freeman, Walter John	Battersea	Sept. 14, 2006
Froud, Jeffrey Lawrence	Powassan	Sept. 14, 1995
Fudge, Kevin Scott	Peterborough	Sept. 15, 2011
Funnell, Norman Gordon	Weston	Sept. 14, 2006
Furlong, John	Toronto	Sept. 15, 2011
Galt, Douglas Everett	Colborne	Sept. 16, 2004
Gamble, Raymond Lloyd	Sydenham	Sept. 09, 1977
Gardner, Kenneth Lorne	Ripley	Sept. 14, 1995
German, Harvey Edwin	Chatham	Sept. 17, 2015
Gilchrist, Gary Lee	North Bay	Sept. 15, 2005
Gill, Charles Sydney	Welland	Sept. 12, 2013
Gillman, Robert Lee	Thunder Bay	Sept. 14, 2006
Gilmore, Samuel	Thornhill	Sept. 08, 1988
Ginn, Harold Scott	London	Sept. 15, 2005
Goodall, John Turner	Wingham	Sept. 14, 1989
Goodman, Clarence Henry	Barrie	Sept. 16, 2004
Govan, Victor	London	Sept. 13, 2007
Graham, John Francis	Blind River	Sept. 12, 1985
Grant, Andrew G	North Bay	Sept. 11, 2003
Grant, Ray Wilson	Carp	Sept. 16, 2004
Gray, Andrew Philip	Cardiff	Sept. 15, 2005
Green, John Cameron	Drayton	Sept. 17, 2015
Greer, Rodney Eldon	Newmarket	Sept. 11, 2008
Grieve, Allan Stuart	Hamilton	Sept. 15, 1983
Grieve, Gordon Thomas	Corunna	Sept. 17, 2015
Groshaw, Ronald Eric	Etobicoke	Sept. 10, 1976
Groves, Franklin William	Campbellford	Sept. 17, 2015
Haines, Richard Noel	St. Catharines	Sept. 10, 1981
Hale, Herbert James	Dorchester	Sept. 12, 1996
Hall, Donald Rowse	Ancaster	Sept. 14, 1979

Hall, James Sherwood	Toronto	Sept. 15, 2011
Hamilton, Donald John	Guelph	Sept. 17, 2009
Hamilton, James Arthur	Cochrane	Sept. 12, 2002
Hamilton, Lachlan Finnick	Holland Landing	Sept. 11, 2008
Hanna, John Robert	Millgrove	Sept. 17, 1998
Hanna, Samuel James	London	Sept. 17, 1998
Hannah, Stephen George	Tamworth	Sept. 16, 2004
Harbert, Peter George	Ottawa	Sept. 16, 2004
Harding, Jack Amey	Willowdale	Sept. 15, 1983
Harding, James Lee	Granton	Sept. 11, 2008
Harper, James Mark	St. Catharines	Sept. 11, 2008
Harris, Hugh Robert	Lakeside	Sept. 14, 1979
Harris, Jack Arthur	Hanover	Sept. 13, 1974
Harris, Roger Allan	Harrow	Sept. 12, 2002
Harrison, Donald Ferdinand	Ottawa	Sept. 16, 1999
Hart, James Francis	Toronto	Sept. 15, 2011
Hatt, Clare Roger	London	Sept. 11, 1997
Hay, John Richard	Cavan	Sept. 14, 2006
Hazlitt, Gregory Hill	Goderich	Sept. 08, 1994
Heath, George Charles	Etobicoke	Sept. 16, 1999
Hedges, Christopher Ross	Markdale	Sept. 13, 2012
Hedges, Frederick Gordon	Barrie	Sept. 15, 2011
Hedley, Jeffery Paul	Sarnia	Sept. 16, 2004
Henry, Gordon Ronald	Lindsay	Sept. 12, 1991
Hewson, Lawrence James	Brantford	Sept. 16, 1999
Hicks, Larry Arthur	Tillsonburg	Sept. 16, 2004
Hilderley, Robert John	Woodstock	Sept. 15, 2011
Hillgren, Harold Einar	Hamilton	Sept. 16, 1999
Hogg, Alan Davis	Agincourt	Sept. 08, 1994
Holmes, Arnold G	Guelph	Sept. 15, 2005
Hooker, Philip Rice Alexander	Burlington	Sept. 17, 2009
Hooper, Paul William	Amherstburg	Sept. 16, 1999
Hopcraft, Gordon N	Timmins	Sept. 11, 2003
Hopkins, Gordon Bernard	North Bay	Sept. 17, 2009
Hornell, John Alfred	Chatham	Sept. 15, 2005
Hornibrook, Terrence Malcolm	Sundridge	Sept. 17, 2009
Howarth, Jerry Michael John	Bancroft	Sept. 09, 1982
Hubbell, Harold Gordon	Peterborough	Sept. 17, 2009
Hugill, Robert Carl	Mount Elgin	Sept. 11, 2008
Hull, Thomas Raynard	Peterborough	Sept. 15, 2011
Hunter, William Dale	Barrie	Sept. 12, 2013
Hutchinson, James Hugh	Peterborough	Sept. 11, 1986
Hutchinson, Frederick David	St. Catharines	Sept. 11, 2014
Hutt, Alexander Rae	Orillia	Sept. 12, 1991
Hynd, Wayne Charles	Owen Sound	Sept. 12, 1985
Imrie, John Houston	Barrie	Sept. 11, 2008

Inglis, Robert Martin	North Bay	Sept. 11, 2008
Inrig, George Francis Wallace	Picton	Sept. 14, 1979
Irion, Siegfried	St. Catharines	Sept. 16, 2010
Irvine, John Brian	Ottawa	Sept. 17, 1998
Irwin, John O	Everett	Sept. 11, 2003
Jack, Lachlan Brooke	Gilford	Sept. 11, 1986
Jackson, Gregory Thomas	London	Sept. 14, 2000
Jackson, John Leonard	Cottam	Sept. 14, 2000
Jacobson, David Stanley	Toronto	Sept. 16, 2004
Jaggas, Douglas William	Barrie	Sept. 15, 2005
James, Alfred William Fraser	Peterborough	Sept. 17, 2009
James, Paul Anthony	Hamilton	Sept. 15, 2005
James, Robert Charles	Etobicoke	Sept. 15, 2005
Jeffery, Larry William Howard	South River	Sept. 16, 1999
Jenkins, Kenneth A	London	Sept. 13, 2007
Jensen, Norman Erick	Simcoe	Sept. 12, 2002
Jess, Marshall Stephen	Coboconk	Sept. 13, 1990
Johnson, Brian Lorne	Clarksburg	Sept. 12, 2013
Johnstone, Ivor John	Kingsville	Sept. 12, 1991
Johnstone, Norman Tyrrell	Mississauga	Sept. 13, 2007
Jones, David Leslie	Sault Ste Marie	Sept. 17, 2009
Jones, Donald Edward	Peterborough	Sept. 14, 1995
Jones, Earl Martin	London	Sept. 16, 2004
Jones, Glenson Trevelyn	Kanata	Sept. 16, 1999
Jones, Harris Merton	Mississauga	Sept. 12, 2002
Jones, Kevin Arthur	Ottawa	Sept. 13, 2012
Jones, Roderick Lee	Hamilton	Sept. 15, 2005
Judd, John Edward	London	Sept. 08, 1988
Julian, Donald Brent	St. Catharines	Sept. 13, 2007
Keay, Robert Alexander	Peterborough	Sept. 16, 2004
Keeler, Ross Charles	London	Sept. 13, 2001
Kerr, James Clayton	Peterborough	Sept. 10, 1992
Kerr, Robert Edward	Grimsby	Sept. 11, 2008
Kerr, Stanley David	Windsor	Sept. 15, 2005
King, Andrew Baptie	Hillsburg	Sept. 16, 2004
Kingsley, Michael Joseph	Jerseyville	Sept. 12, 2013
Kingsmill, Thomas Frederick	London	Sept. 14, 1965
Kingston, James David	Thunder Bay	Sept. 14, 2000
Kirk-White, James Fredrick Thomas	Burks Falls	Sept. 14, 2006
Knapp, George K	Etobicoke	Sept. 11, 2003
Knott, Roderick Dawson	Clarksburg	Sept. 17, 1998
Koivu, Brian Vilho	Sudbury	Sept. 15, 2011
Kostandoff, Louis James	Barrie	Sept. 12, 1991
Kreibich, Kenneth Louis	Sarnia	Sept. 17, 1998
LaFleur, Vernon Ivor	Toronto	Sept. 11, 2014
Lansdell, Norman Lewis	Thamesford	Sept. 14, 1995

Lappan, Clifford Earl	Glenbirnie	Sept. 15, 2005
Latimer, Ray Burton	Angus	Sept. 14, 1989
Laughton, Donald James	Windsor	Sept. 14, 2000
Lawson, Bryan Wilmer	Lisle	Sept. 15, 2005
Lee, Dennis Harold	Port Perry	Sept. 13, 2007
Lee, Murray William	Exeter	Sept. 15, 2005
Leek, William James	Newmarket	Sept. 17, 2009
Lees, Melville Francis	Blind River	Sept. 10, 1992
Lees, William Thomas	Burlington	Sept. 15, 1983
Levitt, Leslie	Hamilton	Sept. 10, 1992
Lewis, Ralph William	Mississauga	Sept. 12, 1996
Lidstone, John William	Victoria Harbour	Sept. 12, 1996
Linegar, Kevin John Peter	Keswick	Sept. 11, 2008
Linnemoller, Mark	Oro Station	Sept. 11, 2014
Lintaman, Darrell William	St. Catherines	Sept. 17, 2015
Lister, William Gordon.	Ancaster	Sept. 15, 1983
Lithgow, Douglas Allan	Newmarket	Sept. 08, 1994
Lockwood, Leroy Bruce	Woodstock	Sept. 09, 1993
Loshaw, Giles Orville	Athens	Sept. 17, 2015
Love, Roland	Burlington	Sept. 13, 1990
Lowery, John Kenneth	Brampton	Sept. 11, 2008
Lowry, Lyn Milton	Cobourg	Sept. 14, 2006
Lowry, Wyatt Gordon	Hamilton	Sept. 15, 2005
Lundberg, Neil Alfred	Thunder Bay	Sept. 17, 2015
Luxton, Wilbert Daniel	London	Sept. 10, 1987
MacCallum, John Arthur	Bracebridge	Sept. 10, 1976
MacKenzie, John Duncan	Brampton	Sept. 10, 1992
MacKewn, Charles Frederick, Jr.	London	Sept. 10, 1981
Mackey, David Richard	Kanata	Sept. 16, 2010
MacKinnon, Elroy John	Pickering	Sept. 17, 2015
MacLeod, David Cameron	Crediton	Sept. 17, 2009
MacLeod, John Russell	London	Sept. 08, 1988
MacLeod, Wendall Everett	Oshawa	Sept. 12, 1996
MacNevin, Randy Alexander	Windsor	Sept. 11, 2014
Magwood, Gary William	Stoney Creek	Sept. 17, 2015
Malek, Joe	Barrie	Sept. 11, 2014
Maley, Peter George William	Hamilton	Sept. 15, 2005
Mallabar, Richard Cameron	St. Catharines	Sept. 13, 2012
Mandeville, Roland Patrick	Brampton	Sept. 13, 2012
Mannisto, John Pentti	Ancaster	Sept. 16, 1999
Marcellus, MacGregor Leslie	Vineland	Sept. 12, 1973
Marr, George Alexander	Sault Ste. Marie	Sept. 11, 1980
Marshall, Thomas Richard	Stoney Creek	Sept. 17, 2015
Martin, David Graeme	Niagara Falls	Sept. 14, 1995
Martin, Ross Lyle	Orillia	Sept. 15, 2005
Martin, Stephen Wayne	Barrie	Sept. 15, 2011

Maskell, Ernest Henry _____	Fort Erie _____	Sept. 14, 1989
Mathie, Norman _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Matijek, Peter John _____	Kirkland Lake _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Mavin, Hilary Francis John _____	Chatham _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Mavor, Charles Whyte _____	Ottawa _____	Sept. 10, 1976
Mawdsley, Jack Stanley _____	London _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Maynard, Terry Albert _____	Florence _____	Sept. 16, 2010
McAuley, William Wayne _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 13, 2001
McBrine, Richard George _____	Stroud _____	Sept. 17, 1998
McCarthy, Stephen Justin _____	Cobourg _____	Sept. 12, 2013
McCausland, Arnold _____	Mississauga _____	Sept. 17, 2009
McConnell, Jonathan David _____	Tweed _____	Sept. 14, 2006
McFadgen, Duncan John _____	Burlington _____	Sept. 13, 2001
McGill, Noel Ian Murray _____	Ottawa _____	Sept. 08, 1994
McGowan, John Joseph _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 13, 1984
McIlveen, George Murray _____	Ottawa _____	Sept. 11, 1986
McIlvenna, John _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 15, 2011
McIntyre, Alfred Scott _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 15, 2011
McIntyre, John Ross _____	St. Thomas _____	Sept. 13, 2001
McIntyre, Stephen Robert _____	Bracebridge _____	Sept. 13, 2012
McKaig, John Albert _____	London _____	Sept. 14, 2006
McKay, Edward Clark _____	Caledonia _____	Sept. 11, 2014
McKay, Gordon Alexander _____	North Bay _____	Sept. 11, 2008
McKee, Charles Robert _____	Orangeville _____	Sept. 14, 2006
McKenna, Michael Joseph _____	North York _____	Sept. 11, 2003
McKillip, John William _____	Gilfrod _____	Sept. 17, 2015
McLelland, Andrew Lind _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 17, 2009
McLeod, Douglas _____	North Bay _____	Sept. 16, 2004
McMillan, Ronald William _____	Lindsay _____	Sept. 15, 2005
McNair, Ronald Julian _____	Stoney Creek _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Meadows, Raymond Russel _____	North Bay _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Mennie, Bertie Allan _____	Stratford _____	Sept. 11, 1986
Militello, John _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Miller, Ralph Harold _____	Brockville _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Miller, William Bruce _____	Guelph _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Miller, William James _____	Mooretown _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Minor, Marvin Douglas _____	Bradford _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Mitchell, George Arthur _____	Jordan Station _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Moffat, Blain Ronald _____	Orono _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Molata, Richard Lewis _____	Stoney Creek _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Monteith, Kenneth Ernest _____	St. Thomas _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Moore, Donald Ross _____	Brockville _____	Sept. 17, 1998
Moore, Frederick Thomas _____	Meaford _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Morgan, Gary Stewart _____	Beaverton _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Morris, George Alexander _____	London _____	Sept. 10, 1987
Morrow, Alred Latona _____	Hanover _____	Sept. 13, 2007

Mortlock, Thomas Albert _____	Peterborough _____	Sept. 13, 2001
Morton, George William _____	Thunder Bay _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Mosey, Robert Lyle _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 13, 1984
Moulton, Benjamin Clarence _____	North Bay _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Mullen, Paul James _____	London _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Mumby, Donald Herbert _____	Orleans _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Murphy, Allison Richard _____	Caledonia _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Murray, Gordon Philip _____	Innisfil _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Murtagh, Kevin Patrick _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 17, 1998
Mustard, Harold Francis William _____	Fonthill _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Mylks, Gordon Herbert _____	Kingston _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Napier, James Murray _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 11, 1980
Napper, George Alan _____	Waterloo _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Nelson, Gary Wayne _____	Englehart _____	Sept. 14, 1989
Nesbitt, James Russell _____	Lindsay _____	Sept. 10, 1987
Newton, Harold Edward _____	Belleville _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Nichols, Arthur Douglas _____	New Hamburg _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Nichols, David William _____	St. Thomas _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Nichols, Lawson Blair _____	Ottawa _____	Sept. 10, 1987
Nickerson, Kris David _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Noble, Dennis Marshall _____	Mount Hope _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Oakes, Lloyd Horning _____	Ancaster _____	Sept. 07, 1978
O'Brien, Robert William _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Ochitwa, Peter _____	Ottawa _____	Sept. 14, 1989
O'Leary, Dennis Michael _____	Kingsville _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Olender, Carl Anthony _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Oliver, Herbert Franklin _____	Alliston _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Oliver, Thomas Clayton _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Olm, Keith Dale _____	Ottawa _____	Sept. 15, 2011
O'Sullivan _____	Chatham _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Overholt, Hubert George _____	Wheatley _____	Sept. 12, 1985
Pachal, Terence Dennis Fredric _____	Timmins _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Page, Warren Edward _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Pagonis, Anatasios Tom _____	Mississauga _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Palin, Russell William _____	Peterborough _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Panke, Burton Reinhold _____	Ottawa _____	Sept. 13, 1990
Papavramidis, Dimitrios _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Parker, Robert Edwin _____	London _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Parliament, Roger Garnott _____	Dundas _____	Sept. 10, 1987
Paterson, John McKenzie _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 10, 1987
Payette, John Ronald _____	St. Catharines _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Pearce, Bruce Ernest _____	Sault Ste. Marie _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Pearcy, Douglas J _____	Norwood _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Pedwell, Timothy Russell _____	St. Catharines _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Pell, John Gerald _____	Calabogie _____	Sept. 09, 1993
Pellow, William Russel _____	London _____	Sept. 08, 1988

Percy, Joseph Arthur _____	Perth Road _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Perham, John Harold _____	Ridgeway _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Peters, Stephen John _____	London _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Petrisor, Allan John _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Plummer, Larry David _____	Sarnia _____	Sept. 13, 2001
Plyley, John Milton _____	Stevensville _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Polkinghorne, Peter John _____	Wallaceburg _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Poon Stanley Akit _____	North York _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Pos, Jacob _____	Guelph _____	Sept. 13, 1984
Potter, Gary George _____	London _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Pratt, Donald Leigh Buchanan _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 14, 1989
Preet, William Charles _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Prideaux, Francis Donald St. John _____	Wookstock _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Pridham, Norman Stanley _____	Bramalea _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Pudas, James Albert _____	Thunder Bay _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Quinn, Keith Edwin _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Quinn, Wayne Allan _____	Sudbury _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Rance, Harry Raymond _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Rapley, Frederick John _____	Markham _____	Sept. 14, 1989
Ratuszny, John Eugene _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Reid, Charles Henry Morton _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Reidl, Charles Frank _____	Walkerton _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Richardson, William Thomas _____	Belleville _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Roberts, Beverly Graham _____	Milford Bay _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Robertson, Lewis Bertred _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 09, 1993
Rogers, Murray Alan _____	Burlington _____	Sept. 14, 1989
Rose, Hugh Donald _____	Peterborough _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Ross, Robert Charles _____	Dundas _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Rousell, Don Herbert _____	Sudbury _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Rumbles, Brian Timothy _____	Norwood _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Runciman, Robert Thomas _____	Sudbury _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Runions, James Allan _____	Guelph _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Rycroft, Charles Bertram _____	Whitby _____	Sept. 09, 1982
Salmon, Lanny Ross _____	Mount Hope _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Sandison, Donald Leon _____	Brantford _____	Sept. 17, 1998
Saunders, Ronald Douglas _____	London _____	Sept. 08, 1988
Schell, Leslie Ellwan _____	Haliburton _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Schmeler, David Francis _____	Burks Falls _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Schweitzer, Brian Kenneth _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Schweitzer, Kenneth Lloyd _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 10, 1987
Scott, David Gibson _____	Willowdale _____	Sept. 17, 1998
Scott, Graham Alexander _____	Whitby _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Scott, Johnston Arthur Hamm _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Scott, Robert McNaught _____	Whitby _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Segui, Thomas Bilardino _____	Aylmer _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Shand, Terence _____	Pickering _____	Sept. 16, 1999

Shannon, Brian Carle _____	Caledon _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Shaver, Gary Lawson _____	Nepean _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Shaver, Jack Edward _____	Brantford _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Shaw, Eric Llewellyn _____	Peterborough _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Shea, Melvin Lee _____	Bracebridge _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Sheard, Robert Wesley _____	Guelph _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Siemiernik, Thomas Andrew _____	Innerkip _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Silk, David Murray _____	Orillia _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Simpson, Donald Alan _____	Palmerston _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Sinden, James George _____	Tillsonburg _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Singleton, Steven Arthur _____	North York _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Sircar, Rajender _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Skinner, Richard Gordon _____	York _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Slack, Maynard John _____	Kingston _____	Sept. 13, 1984
Slee, Richard Charles _____	Mississauga _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Sleightholm, Lorne Terry _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Slessor, John Ambrose _____	Newmarket _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Smith, Allan Lavern _____	Thunder Bay _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Smith, David Lenard _____	Islington _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Smith, Donald Beverly _____	Sarnia _____	Sept. 08, 1988
Smith, Donald Glen _____	London _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Smith, Donald Goodwin _____	Peterborough _____	Sept. 08, 1988
Smith, Frederick Charles _____	London _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Smith, J. Kevin _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Smith, John Reginald _____	Thunder Bay _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Smith, Leo Joseph _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Smith, Robert Ellard _____	Thunder Bay _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Snider, Barry Craig _____	Guelph _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Solomon, Alexander Charles _____	Blind River _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Soucisse, Garry David _____	Haileybury _____	Sept. 13, 2007
South, William Edward _____	Callander _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Spence, Reade Kendall _____	Kent Bridge _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Spencer, Gordon W _____	Wasaga Beach _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Stacey, Norman Gerald _____	Omemee _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Stapleton, George Elwood _____	Brantford _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Stathakis, Koulis _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Steed, Arnold L _____	Welland _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Steele, James Albert _____	Dashwood _____	Sept. 10, 1981
Stein, Harry, C.L.U. _____	Willowdale _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Stephen, Arnold Paul _____	Huntsville _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Stephenson, Clive David _____	Hanmer _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Stevens, David Mark _____	Brampton _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Stewart, Charles Bruce _____	North York _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Stewart, Errol Anthony _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Stewart, James Kenneth, Rev. _____	Milverton _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Stewart, John Gordon _____	Hamilton _____	Sept. 14, 2006

Stewart, Larry Hugh _____	Niagara Falls _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Stewart, R. James _____	Binbrook _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Stillar, Gerald Andrew _____	Nipissing _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Stinson, Ronald Thomas _____	Brantford _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Stoddart, Alan John _____	Mississauga _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Strain, Stuart Gordon _____	London _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Stuart, Gordon Harold _____	Mississauga _____	Sept. 11, 1986
Sutherland, William Ross _____	London _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Tagallie, Ashton Anthony _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Tapp, Lynford Earle _____	Wallaceburg _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Tarcea, George Richard _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Tate, Robert Clifford _____	Nepean _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Taylor, Norman Ernest _____	Guelph _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Taylor, Robert Melville _____	Pembroke _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Thom, Daryl Arthur _____	St. Catharines _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Thompson, Donald William _____	Woodstock _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Thompson, Gerald Archibald _____	Morrisburg _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Todd, John Herbert _____	Parry Sound _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Todd, Paul Edward _____	Carleton Place _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Toole, Christopher Earl _____	Harley _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Tooley, Barry Byrne _____	Sudbury _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Toswell, Harold Duncan _____	Powassan _____	Sept. 15, 1983
Truscott, Robert William _____	Tecumseh _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Turek, George _____	Toronto _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Turner, Gerald Lawrence _____	Carp _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Utton, William Frederic _____	Pickering _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Vail, Bradley Louis _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 15, 2011
van Rees, Edward Gerrit Theodoor _____	London _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Vaughn, William Frank _____	St. Catharines _____	Sept. 10, 1976
Veitch, Kenneth Carman _____	Bracebridge _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Walker, David George _____	Midland _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Walker, George Dexter _____	Owen Sound _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Wallace, John _____	Ajax _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Walsh, Earl John _____	Mississauga _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Wark, James Orville _____	Guelph _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Warner, Donald James Edward _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Warren, Earl David _____	Oakville _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Warren, Steven Earl _____	Oakville _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Waters, Calvin _____	Etobicoke _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Watson, Fred Erick Ralph _____	Peterborough _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Watson, John Henry _____	Sarnia _____	Sept. 13, 1974
Watson, Robert Trevor _____	Havelock _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Wayrynen, Leo Allen _____	Thunder Bay _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Webster, John Lawrence _____	Havelock _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Webster, William Donald _____	Exeter _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Weeks, William Joseph Lawrence _____	Sault Ste. Marie _____	Sept. 17, 1998

Weir, Jervis _____	Chelmsford _____	Sept. 12, 1975
Welbanks, Eric Francis _____	Bath _____	Sept. 10, 1992
West, Douglas, Allan _____	Kitchener _____	Sept. 15, 2005
West, Maynard Burton _____	Angus _____	Sept. 13, 2007
West, Ralph Henry _____	Grand Valley _____	Sept. 04, 1995
White, Allan William _____	Bobcaygeon _____	Sept. 08, 1994
White, William Morris _____	London _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Whitely, Larry George _____	Bruce Mines _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Whiteside, Donald Walker _____	North Bay _____	Sept. 15, 1983
Whiting, Kenneth Lawrence _____	Willowdale _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Whitmore, Bruce Neil _____	London _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Wilcock, Arthur Beverley _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Wilkinson, Donald Clifford _____	Wheatley _____	Sept. 11, 1980
Wills, Thomas Arthur _____	Smithville _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Wilson, Gerald Morris _____	Trenton, ON _____	Sept. 13, 1974
Wilson, Harold Raymond _____	Ancaster _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Winder, Edward Dixon _____	London _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Winfield, Leigh Herbert _____	Port Hope _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Winter, Clark Wayne _____	Minesing _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Winterton, Donald Herbert Charles _____	Windsor _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Wood, Michael Graham _____	Kemble _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Woodhead, Harry Evan _____	Oakville _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Woods, Sidney John _____	Barrie _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Wright, Herbert Ernest _____	Innisfil _____	Sept. 12, 2013
Yeo, Ross Kenneth _____	St. Catharines _____	Sept. 14, 1989
Young, Robert M _____	Scarborough _____	Sept. 16, 2004

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (7)

Burleigh, James William _____	Ellerslie _____	Sept. 07, 1978
Burleigh, Paul James _____	Ellerslie _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Campbell, David Roy _____	Charlottetown _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Henderson, Phillip Henry _____	Kensington _____	Sept. 16, 2004
MacKenzie, John Gordon _____	Winsloe _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Newson, James Wayne _____	North Wiltshire _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Roy, Robert Hugh _____	Charlottetown _____	Sept. 12, 2013

QUEBEC (25)

Arturi, Paul _____	Sainte-Foy _____	Sept. 11, 2003
Atkins, David Ralph _____	Sainte-Foy _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Bourdus, Robert John, B.A. _____	Montréal _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Buckland, Rexford, Rexford A. J. _____	Dorval _____	Sept. 11, 2003
De Seigne, John Howard _____	Hudson _____	Sept. 11, 2014
Djigounain, Jean-Baptiste _____	Montreal _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Dobby, Lawrence Paul _____	Pointe Claire _____	Sept. 16, 2004

Fidler, Earl Norton _____	North Hatley _____	Sept. 14, 1995
Foisy, Pierre _____	St-Eustache _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Forshaw, Clifford Frank _____	Rawdon _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Grindlay, Robert Fraser _____	Châteauquay _____	Sept. 12, 1985
Guay, Joseph Claude Richard _____	Montreal _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Herridge, Brian Albert _____	Pierrefonds _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Laframboise, Rejean _____	Montreal _____	Sept. 16, 2010
Lawrance, Willaim _____	Deux-Montagnes _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Lebeuf, Andre _____	Stainte Foy _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Leide, John Edgar _____	Montreal _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Logan, John Hugh Davidson _____	Pierrefonds _____	Sept. 12, 1996
Lono, Armand John _____	Pierrefonds _____	Sept. 12, 1996
MacNicoll, Ernest Albert _____	Brossard _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Ross, Donald Carter _____	Pointe-Claire _____	Sept. 10, 1992
Sandhu, Opkar Singh _____	Brossard _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Sicard, Marc-André _____	St-Hyacinthe _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Snickars, Peter John _____	Laval _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Thibodeau, Joseph Aime Gilles _____	Quebec City _____	Sept. 16, 2004

SASKATCHEWAN (26)

Bachynski, Colin Borden _____	Regina _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Bennett, Donald William _____	Regina _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Brunsdon, William Richard Ian _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Bye, Raymond George _____	Vanscoy _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Cameron, Allen Orville _____	Moose Jaw _____	Sept. 10, 1981
Cameron, Archibald Bethel _____	North Battleford _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Davey, James Gordon _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 17, 2015
Flegg, Donald Carman _____	Regina _____	Sept. 07, 1978
Gutfriend, Richard Joseph _____	Regina _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Hanlan, Graham Ronald _____	Briercrest _____	Sept. 10, 1987
Heal, Ronald Wilbur _____	Regina _____	Sept. 11, 1997
Hyland, Daryl Ricky _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 14, 2006
MacLachlan, John Stuart _____	Regina _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Martin, Foster Murray _____	Regina _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Matheson, Robert Neil _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 12, 1985
Meyers, David Florian _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 13, 2007
Morris, William Wesley _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Munn, Morley Eldon _____	Moose Jaw _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Pizzey, Willmer Alfred _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Rigden, Charles Andrew _____	Moose Jaw _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Robinson, Ronald Harry _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Rondeau, Kirk Malcolm _____	Regina _____	Sept. 14, 2006
Sandiford, Erskine Frank _____	Weyburn _____	Sept. 17, 2009
Sherstobitoff, Jonathon Lynn _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 13, 2012
Sherstobitoff, Peter John _____	Saskatoon _____	Sept. 10, 1987
Sherstobitoff, Randal James _____	Langham _____	Sept. 11, 2014

Members At Large By Virtue Of Art. 13 (20)

Aberdeen, Robert Gordon John _____	Willowdale, ON _____	Sept. 11, 1980
Boughton, Glenn Rayner _____	Victoria, BC _____	Sept. 15, 2011
Brower-Berkhoven, Isaac Brock _____	Clyde, AB _____	Sept. 11, 2008
Carey, Jack Ernest _____	Cortenay, BC _____	Sept. 14, 2006
De Jong, Adolf Charles _____	Brockville, ON _____	Sept. 13, 1984
Moorse, Brian Jeffrey _____	Margaretville, NS _____	Sept. 14, 2000
Mumford, Gene Gordon _____	Bridge Water, NS _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Nissen, Peter Ragnar _____	Ottawa, ON _____	Sept. 13, 1990
Perry, Alan Martin _____	Colchester, EN _____	Sept. 16, 1999
Raine, Norman David _____	Halifax, NS _____	Sept. 13, 1990
Ramsay, Harold Douglas _____	Calgary, AB _____	Sept. 14, 1979
Robbins, George Russell _____	Bracebridge, ON _____	Sept. 12, 2002
Rutherford, Frederick Ingram _____	Mt. Hope, ON _____	Sept. 08, 1994
Strover, Wyndham A. _____	L'Ile Bizard, QC _____	Sept. 07, 1978
Swing, Walter Frederick _____	Salt Spring Island, BC _____	Sept. 14, 1979
Taylor, Peter Everard _____	Weston-Super-Mare, EN _____	Sept. 12, 1991
Thomas, Norman Randall _____	Las Vegas, NV _____	Sept. 16, 2004
Vandermeulen, Randall G. _____	Yorkton, SK _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Weaver, Lorne Bruce _____	Calgary, AB _____	Sept. 15, 2005
Wilkinson, Tom David _____	San Diego, CA _____	Sept. 16, 1999

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	†Hon. Albert Pike	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Josiah H. Drummond	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1877	†John F. Townshend.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1888	†The Earl of Lathom.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Col. Nathaniel G. Phillips.....	P. Sov. Grand Commander.....	*England & Wales
	†The Earl of Rosslyn.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
	†Jacinto de Castro	Sovereign Grand Commander	St. Domingo
	†Henry L. Palmer	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†George Otis Tyler.....	Active Member.....	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1892	†D. Burnam Tracy	Active Member.....	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1893	†Brenton Daniel Babcock.....	Active Member.....	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1895	†Frederick Webber.....	Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1897	†Clinton Paige.....	Secretary-General	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1906	†Hon. James D. Richardson	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†James Hodge Coddling.....	Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†James Isaac Buchanan	Active Member.....	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1907	†The Compte G.D'Alviella	Sovereign Grand Commander	Belgium
1909	†Jean Marie Raymond	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
	†William Homan.....	Active Member.....	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Gen. Samuel C.Lawrence	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1913	†Field Marshall H.R.H. Arthur W.P.A. Duke of Connaught & Strathern K.G.	Grand Patron	*England & Wales
	†Barton Smith	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1915	†George Fleming Moore	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1922	†Raoul V. Palmeri	Sovereign Grand Commander	Italy
	†Leon Martin Abbott.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

1924	†Ernest Bertrand Hussey	Grand Rep.S. C. of Canada.....	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1927	†John H. Cowles	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1929	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore K.P....	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
1932	†Frederic B.Stevens	P.Grand Lt. Commander.....	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1933	†Melvin Maynard Johnson	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1937	†Charles C. Nisbet	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
	†Hon. Justice Gerald FitzGibbon.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1941	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Stair, K.T., D.S.O.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
1943	†J. Gilbert Smyly	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1949	†Col. Sir Henry McMahon, G.C.M.G.	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†George E. Bushnell	Past Grand Lt Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1950	†Sir Trevor J. Matthews	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Elgin & Kincardine	Past Grand Lt Commander	Scotland
1952	†Raymond F. Brooke	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
	†Frederic H. Stevens	Sovereign Grand Commander	Philippines
1953	†Thomas J. Harkins	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Charles P. Summerall	Grand Minister of State.....	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†René J. Raymond	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
1954	†N. Garcia Bapista	Sovereign Grand Commander	Venezuela
1955	†The Right Hon. The Lord Saltoun	Grand Chancellor.....	Scotland
1955	†Fabian Onsari	Sovereign Grand Commander	Argentina
	†Thomas C. Law	Active Member.....	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Arthur L. F. Cook.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
1956	†Major Robert L. Loyd, M.C., O.B.E.	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Luther A. Smith	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1964	†The Right Hon. The Lord Macdonald.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
	†Col. Sir Basil A. T. McFarland	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
	†W. B. I. Hofman.....	Sovereign Grand Commander	The Netherlands
1964	†Conrado Benitez	Sovereign Grand Commander	Philippines

	†Raul Cordero Amador	Sovereign Grand Commander	Mexico
1967	†George A. Newbury	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1969	†Sir Eric Studd, Bt., O.B.E.	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
1970	†Henry C. Clausen	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1971	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Galloway	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
1976	†Major-General Sir Ralph Hone	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Stanley F. Maxwell	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1980	†Alberto Mansur	Sovereign Grand Commander	Brazil
1982	Henri L. Baranger	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
1986	†C. Fred Kleinknecht	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Francis G. Paul	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1982	†Harold D. Still	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Lauri Sarkia	Sovereign Grand Commander	Finland
	†C. J. P. van Boven	Sovereign Grand Commander	The Netherlands
	†Jean-Pierre Grenier	Sovereign Grand Commander	Switzerland
	†Sidney R. Baxter	Asst. to the SGC	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1993	†Andrew Watt	Sovereign Grand Commander	Australia
	†Agustin Arriaga Rivera	Sovereign Grand Commander	Mexico
1994	Robert O. Ralston	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†David Kruger	Grand Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
2000	†J. Philip Berquist	Past Deputy for Massachusetts	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
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Lodge of Perfection

Province	City	Name	Y/E 2013	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	Y/E 2014	Chg
AB	Calgary	Calgary	234	0	10	1	0	3	5	4	233	-1
L of Perf	Lacombe	Central Alberta	54	0	0	1	2	2	4	0	51	-3
	Edmonton	Edmonton	446	0	13	1	0	12	13	8	427	-19
	Lethbridge	Lethbridge	65	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	60	-5
	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat	36	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	31	-5
	5	Total	835	0	24	3	2	21	27	14	802	-33
BC	Campbell River	Strathcona	63	4	1	0	1	0	2	0	67	4
L of Perf	Castlegar/Nelson	Boundary	47	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	42	-5
	Langley	Fraser Valley	141	3	0	0	0	6	10	7	121	-20
	Kamloops	Thompson Valley	78	-2	0	0	0	3	3	0	70	-8
	Nanaimo	Colville	107	0	8	0	1	1	2	0	113	6
	Prince George	Cariboo	58	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	63	5
	Prince Rupert	Skeena Valley	23		0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0
	Vancouver	Vancouver	280	-8	5	0	4	5	7	8	261	-19
	Vernon	Okanagan	156	0	2	0	0	6	3	12	137	-19
	Victoria	Victoria	234	-5	11	1	0	10	9	2	220	-14
	10	Total	1,187	-8	32	3	6	34	40	29	1,117	-70
MB	Brandon	Brandon	51	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	49	-2
L of Perf	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	237	0	29	0	2	8	6	12	242	5
	2	Total	288	0	31	0	2	10	8	12	291	3
NB	Fredericton	Maxwell	139	-1	2	0	0	5	7	22	106	-33
L of Perf	Moncton	Moncton	215	-7	3	0	0	2	7	0	202	-13
	Saint John	Saint John	153	0	0	0	0	2	9	5	137	-16
	3	Total	507	-8	5	0	0	9	23	27	445	-62
NL	St. John's	Centennial	84	0	2	0	0	5	0	1	80	-4
L of Perf	1	Total	84	0	2	0	0	5	0	1	80	-4
NS	Halifax	Victoria	325	0	11	1	3	8	14	10	308	-17
L of Perf	Sydney	Cape Breton	159	0	0	0	1	7	1	0	152	-7
	2	Total	484	0	11	1	4	15	15	10	460	-24
ON	Barrie	Barrie	1,480	0	24	0	0	45	10	1	1,448	-32
L of Perf	Chatham	Chatham	188	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	178	-10
	Guelph	Royal City	451	0	7	0	0	15	3	4	436	-15
	Hamilton	Murton	1,539	0	24	0	0	89	19	14	1,441	-98
	Kingston	Kingston	203	-4	7	0	0	4	3	0	199	-4
	London	London	1,192	0	4	1	0	57	0	0	1,140	-52
	Niagara Falls	Elgin	438	0	0	0	0	14	0	1	423	-15
	North Bay	North Bay	603	0	13	0	0	27	18	3	568	-35
	Ottawa	Ottawa	417	0	17	0	0	18	10	1	405	-12
	Peterborough	Peterborough	749	0	10	1	0	33	0	5	722	-27
	Sarnia	Sarnia	220	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	216	-4
	Sault Ste Marie	Sault Ste Marie	148	-1	0	0	1	5	3	4	136	-12
	Sudbury	District	281	0	6	0	0	8	0	2	277	-4
	Thunder Bay	Superior	214	19	5	0	1	10	8	6	215	1
	Toronto	Toronto Grand	1,978	0	51	1	0	46	9	6	1,969	-9
	Windsor	Windsor	432	-3	3	1	0	8	0	2	423	-9
	Woodstock	Woodstock	334	4	3	0	1	7	1	0	334	0
	17	Total	10,867	15	175	4	3	399	86	49	10,530	-337
PE	Summerside	Albert Edward	68	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	66	-2
L of Perf	1	Total	68	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	66	-2
QC	Montreal	Hochelaga	289	-11	17	0	0	4	7	21	263	-26
L of Perf	Montreal	Fleur de Lys	140	0	22	0	0	0	8	0	154	14
	Quebec	Quebec	59	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	60	1
	3	Total	488	-11	40	1	0	5	15	21	477	-11
SK	Regina	Regina	311	-6	14	0	0	15	3	1	300	-11
L of Perf	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	148	0	6	0	0	2	1	0	151	3
	2	Total	459	-6	20	0	0	17	4	1	451	-8
	46	Grand Total	15,267	-18	340	12	17	516	219	164	14,719	-548

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Chapter of Rose Croix

Province	City	Name	Y/E 2013	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	Y/E 2014	Chg
AB	Calgary	Delta	222	0	11	1	0	3	5	4	222	0
Chap RC	Edmonton	Mizpah	470	0	13	0	0	13	14	6	450	-20
	Lethbridge	Chinook	86	3	2	0	0	4	2	2	83	-3
	3	Total	778	3	26	1	0	20	21	12	755	-23
BC	Castlegar/Nelson	Kokanee	37	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	34	-3
Chap RC	Langley	Fraser Valley	131	3	6	0	0	6	10	7	117	-14
	Kamloops	Thompson	62	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	57	-5
	Prince George	New Caledonia	57	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	57	0
	Vancouver	Vancouver	265	5	14	0	4	5	7	7	269	4
	Vernon	Moray	139	0	4	0	0	6	2	7	128	-11
	Victoria	Victoria	348	-8	17	2	0	10	13	2	334	-14
	5	Total	1,039	0	42	4	4	32	38	23	996	-43
MB	Brandon	Brandon	48	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	47	-1
Chap RC	Winnipeg	Bethesda	236		0	0	2	8	6	12	212	-24
	2	Total	284	0	3	0	2	10	8	12	259	-25
NB	Fredericton	King Solomon	113	3	5	0	0	5	7	22	87	-26
Chap RC	Moncton	Britton	167	-29	6	0	0	2	7	0	135	-32
	Saint John	Sovereign	145	0	2	0	0	2	9	6	130	-15
	3	Total	425	-26	13	0	0	9	23	28	352	-73
NL	St. John's	Macgillivray	74	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	73	-1
Chap RC	1	Total	74	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	73	-1
NS	Halifax	Keith Sovereign	336	0	10	0	3	10	13	9	317	-19
Chap RC	Sydney	Isle Royale	134	0	0	0	5	7	1	0	131	-3
	2	Total	470	0	10	0	8	17	14	9	448	-22
ON	Barrie	Spry	1,374	0	13	0	0	42	9	0	1,336	-38
Chap RC	Chatham	Kent	175	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	166	-9
	Guelph	Guelph	458	0	21	0	0	15	3	4	457	-1
	Hamilton	Sovereign	1,205	0	31	0	0	68	10	12	1,146	-59
	Kingston	Rose of Sharon	169	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	168	-1
	London	Sovereign	1,243	0	3	0	0	51	0	0	1,195	-48
	Niagara Falls	Niagara	392	0	0	0	0	14	0	1	377	-15
	North Bay	North Bay	728	0	13	0	0	33	14	2	692	-36
	Ottawa	Murray	391	0	12	0	0	16	8	1	378	-13
	Peterborough	Peterborough	739	0	5	1	0	30	0	2	713	-26
	Sault Ste Marie	Sault Ste Marie	144	2	0	0	1	5	3	4	135	-9
	Thunder Bay	Nanna Bijou	204	10	4	0	0	10	8	4	196	-8
	Toronto	Sovereign	1,727	0	30	1	0	42	11	10	1,695	-32
	Windsor	Windsor	389	-9	4	1	0	8	0	2	375	-14
	Woodstock	Centennial	269	8	3	0	1	6	0	0	275	6
	15	Total	9,607	13	140	3	2	351	68	42	9,304	-303
PE	Summerside	St. Lawrence	60	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	61	1
Chap RC	1	Total	60	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	61	1
QC	Montreal	Hochelaga Sov.	294	-27	0	0	0	4	7	20	236	-58
Chap RC	Montreal	Du Mont Real	86	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	81	-5
	Quebec	Quebec	53	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	52	-1
	3	Total	433	-27	1	0	0	5	13	20	369	-64
SK	Regina	Regina	298	-6	8	0	0	14	3	1	282	-16
Chap RC	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	143	-4	7	0	0	1	1	0	144	1
	2	Total	441	-10	15	0	0	15	4	1	426	-15
	37	Grand Total	13,611	-47	255	8	16	463	190	147	13,043	-568

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Consistory

Province	City	Name	Y/E 2013	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	Y/E 2014	Chg
AB	Calgary	Southalta	286	0	16	0	1	5	9	4	285	-1
Consistory	Edmonton	Alberta	455	0	16	0	0	12	14	5	440	-15
	2	Total	741	0	32	0	1	17	23	9	725	-16
BC	Vancouver	British Columbia	538	-7	15	0	5	12	9	8	522	-16
Consistory	Vernon	Morning Star	118	0	9	1	0	3	5	3	117	-1
	Victoria	Vancouver Island	332	-13	14	1	0	9	13	1	311	0
	2	Total	988	-20	38	2	5	24	27	12	950	-38
MB	Brandon	Brandon	47	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	46	-1
Consistory	Winnipeg	Sovereign	230	0	0	0	2	7	6	12	207	-23
	2	Total	277	0	3	0	2	9	8	12	253	-24
NB	Saint John	NB Sovereign	385	0	7	0	1	15	17	14	347	-38
Consistory	1	Total	385	0	7	0	1	15	17	14	347	-38
NL	St. John's	Nfld & Lab	68	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	64	-4
Consistory	1	Total	68	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	64	-4
NS/PE	Halifax	NS Sovereign	465	0	10	0	4	12	17	12	438	-27
Consistory	1	Total	465	0	10	0	4	12	17	12	438	-27
ON	Barrie	Barrie	1,620	0	20	0	0	46	8	0	1,586	-34
Consistory	Hamilton	Moore Sovereign	6,598	0	115	2	0	413	80	44	6,178	-420
	Ottawa	Ottawa	471	0	12	0	0	16	8	1	458	-13
	Thunder Bay	North Star	196	12	7	0	0	8	7	4	196	0
	4	Total	8,885	12	154	2	0	483	103	49	8,418	-467
QC	Montreal	Montreal Sov.	324	-28	0	0	0	4	7	21	264	-60
Consistory	Montreal	Phénix	53	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	48	-5
	2	Total	377	-28	0	0	0	4	12	21	312	-65
SK	Regina	Saskatchewan	282	-6	10	0	0	14	3	1	268	-14
Consistory	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	137	-3	7	0	0	1	1	0	139	2
	2	Total	419	-9	17	0	0	15	4	1	407	-12
	17	Grand Total	12,605	-45	261	4	13	583	211	130	11,914	-691

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1874	T. Douglas Harington	Robert Marshall	John V. Ellis	John W. Murton	Hugh A. MacKay
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	"	"	"	"	"
1877	"	"	"	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	"	"	"	"	"
1880	"	William H. Hutton	William B. Simpson	"	"
1881	"	"	"	"	"
1882	William H. Hutton	John V. Ellis	"	"	"
1883	"	"	Benjamin L. Peters	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	"	"	"	"	"
1886	John V. Ellis	John W. Murton	Daniel Sprey	Hugh Murray	"
1887	"	"	"	"	"

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1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	"	"	"	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"
1891	"	"	"	"	"
1892	John W. Murton	Isaac H. Sterns	"	"	"
1893	"	"	"	"	"
1894	"	"	"	"	"
1895	"	"	"	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	John W. Murton	Isaac H. Sterns	Hon. John M. Gibson	Hugh Murray	Hugh A. McKay
1898	Isaac H. Stearns	Hon. John M. Gibson	William H. Thorne	"	"
1899	"	"	"	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	"	"	"	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	"	"	"	"	"
1904	Hon. John M. Gibson	William H. Thorne	Hugh Murray	William H. Ballard	"
1905	"	"	"	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	"	"	"	"	"
1908	"	"	Benjamin Tooke	"	"
1909	"	"	"	"	"
1910	"	"	Benjamin Allen	"	"
1911	"	"	"	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	Benjamin Allen	Benjamin Tooke	Daniel F. MacWatt	"	Elias T. Malone
1914	"	"	"	"	"
1915	"	"	"	"	"
1916	"	John Alex Cameron	"	"	"
1917	"	"	"	"	"
1918	"	"	"	"	"
1919	John Alex Cameron	Daniel F. MacWatt	Alex McDougall	"	"
1920	"	Hugh A. MacKay	"	"	"
1921	"	"	"	"	"
1922	Sir John M. Gibson	Alfred F. Webster	"	"	"
1923	John Alex Cameron	"	"	"	"
1924	"	"	"	"	"
1925	Alfred F. Webster	Fred J. Howell	A. B. Wood	"	"
1926	"	"	Alec F. C. Ross	"	Hugh A. MacKay
1927	"	"	"	"	"
1928	"	"	"	"	"
1929	"	"	"	"	"
1930	"	"	"	"	"
1931	"	"	"	"	"
1932	"	"	"	"	"
1933	"	"	"	"	"
1934	William H. Wardrope	John A. Rowland	"	W. H. Davis	John A. Rowland

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1935	"	"	"	"	"
1936	"	"	"	"	"
1937	"	"	"	"	"
1938	"	"	"	"	Charles S. Hamilton
1939	"	"	"	"	"
1940	John A. Rowland	Alec F. C. Ross	James H. Winfield	James A. Henderson	"
1941	"	"	"	"	"
1942	Douglas C. McIlwraith	George H. Ross	"	"	"
1943	James H. Winfield (Hnr)	"	William J. Major	"	"
1943	Douglas C. McIlwraith	George H. Ross	William J. Major	James A. Henderson	Charles S. Hamilton
1944	"	"	"	Stuart H. Lees	"
1945	"	George H. Ross	"	"	"
1946	"	"	O. E. Stanton	"	"
1947	"	"	"	"	"
1948	George H. Ross	Douglas Fraser	"	"	"
1949	"	"	Arthur Cross	"	"
1950	Douglas Fraser	Stuart H. Lees	"	Ernest B. Thompson	"
1951	"	"	"	"	"
1952	Stuart H. Lees (Hnr)	Thomas K. Wade	"	"	"
1952	Clarence. M. Pitts	"	"	"	"
1953	"	"	"	"	"
1954	"	"	"	"	"
1955	Thomas K. Wade	James A. Simpson	"	"	"
1956	"	"	"	"	"
1957	"	"	"	"	"
1958	James A. Simpson	R. Coulton Berkinshaw	"	"	"
1959	"	"	"	Charles H. Cunningham	"
1960	"	"	"	"	John I. Rumball
1961	R. Coulton Berkinshaw	Howard B. Moore	James Mc. L. Marshall	"	"
1962	"	"	"	"	"
1963	"	"	"	"	Thomas K. Wade
1964	George C. Derby	Charles H. Cunningham	"	Wilbert G. Welby	"
1965	"	"	"	"	Donald M. Fleming
1966	"	"	"	"	"
1967	Charles H. Cunningham	Donald M. Fleming	"	"	Howard B. Moore
1968	"	Donald L. Witter	Arthur L. Scace	"	"
1969	Donald L. Witter (Act)	"	"	"	"
1970	Howard B. Moore (Hnr)	"	"	"	"
1970	Donald L. Witter	Harvey R. Doane	"	"	"
1971	"	"	"	"	"
1972	"	"	J. Palmer Kent	"	"
1973	Harvey R. Doane	Walter C. MacDonald	J. Herbert Forbes	"	"
1974	"	"	"	"	"
1975	"	"	"	"	"
1976	Walter C. McDonald	Walter H. Mortlock	Gordon L. Bennett	Wilfred N. Paterson	Richard J. Lord
1977	"	"	"	"	"
1978	"	"	"	John V. Lawer	"

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1980	"	"	"	"	"
1981	"	"	"	"	"
1982	Lyle H. Bergstrom	Gordon L. Bennett	Kempton Keeble	John C. Allan	Howard A. Cox
1983	"	"	"	"	"
1984	"	"	Robert G. Luftus	"	"
1985	Gordon L. Bennett	John A. Bourne	"	John W. Lowry	"
1986	"	"	George C. Schaef	"	John C. Allan
1987	"	"	"	"	"
1988	John A. Bourne	John V. Lawer	George C. Schaef	John I. Carrick	John C. Allan
1989	"	"	"	"	"
1990	"	"	W. Robertson Carvath	"	"
1991	John V. Lawer	Harold E. Crosby	"	"	J. Newcombe Fenton
1992	"	"	"	"	"
1993	"	"	"	"	"
1994	Harold E. Crosby	Glenn M. Martin	"	"	"
1995	"	"	"	Robert G. Wands	"
1996	"	"	"	"	"
1997	Glenn M. Martin	Norman E. Byrne	Donald W. Dixon	"	H. Edward Standish
1998	"	"	"	"	"
1999	"	"	"	"	"
2000	Norman E. Byrne	Orlan J. Weber	"	Donald D. Thornton	"
2001	"	"	"	"	"
2002	"	"	Allard B. Loopstra	"	"
2003	Orlan J. Weber	C. Robert Townshend	"	H. Edward Standish	Thomas E. Lewis
2004	"	"	"	"	"
2005	"	"	"	"	"
2006	C. Robert Townshend	Matthew F. Todd	"	"	"
2007	"	"	"	Donald N. Campbell	"
2008	"	"	"	"	"
2009	Matthew F. Todd	Richard A. H. Brown	"	Terry A. McLean	"
2010	"	"	"	"	"
2011	"	"	"	"	"
2012	Richard A. H. Brown	Terry A. McLean	"	Brian W. Gilkinson	"
2013	"	"	"	"	"
2014	"	"	"	"	"
2015	Terry A. McLean	Robert S. Whitmore	"	"	"

141st Annual Session Supreme Council

The Formal Opening and the Conferral of the Degree of Honorary Inspectors-General were held in the Augustus I Room, Caesars Windsor, Windsor, Ontario.

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Parts and Personnel for 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander	Richard A. H. Brown
Lieutenant Grand Commander	Terry A. McLean
Grand Chancellor	Allard B. Loopstra
Grand Prior	Michael D. H. Farr
Grand Master of Ceremonies	Kenneth D. McComb
Grand Marshal	Robert D. Brethour
Grand Standard Bearer	John W. Trousdale
Grand Captain of the Guard	Robert S. Whitmore
Grand Sword Bearer	Kenneth R. Rutherford
Director of the Degree	Steven E. Warren
Assisting the LGC	Chesley R. Piercey
Assisting the LGC	Marvin J. Salmi
Assisting the LGC	John W. Trousdale
Charge following Circuits	William C. Fitzsimmons
The Bitter Cup	Duncan S. Skinner
Ducal Coronet	James S. Ross
Address before Obligation	Robert D. Brethour
Inquiry as to Religion	Victor Lepp
Q – What is your religion?	James C. Sutherland, Stephen Godfrey
.....	W. Douglas Keam, Jean Reed, David G. Hooper, Miles R. Graham
Obligation	Richard A. H. Brown
Banner of the Order	Marvin L. Munro
Flag of the Country	James G. Finch
Investing with Coronet	Loren W. Kline
Presentation of Sword, etc.	Gareth R. Taylor
Words, Sign and Battery	Brian W. Gilkinson
Proclamation	Robert D. Brethour
Concluding Lecture	Allard B. Loopstra
Welcome and Acclaim	Richard A. H. Brown
Representative Candidate	Robert W. Truscott

Thursday, September 17, 2015
Candidates For 33°

ALBERTA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Creasor, Duane David (Rose Garon); Valley of Lethbridge; Born 1/28/1959; Residence - 1664 Coalbanks Blvd West, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 2X4; Insurance Agent; WM, DDGM, TPGM, MWS

Kennaway, Robert Adam (Margaret); Valley of Edmonton; Born 1/10/1949; Residence - 17 Cheyenne Crescent, Sherwood Park, AB, T8H 1C3; Senior Financial Analyst; WM

Vines, Irwin Charles (Olga); Valley of Calgary; Born 4/28/1949; Residence - 642 Lake Simcoe Close S.E., Calgary, AB, T2J 5H6; IT Consultant; WM, CIC

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

MacKenzie, Stephen (Shirley); Valley of Vancouver; Born 7/31/1951; Residence - 21 - 4321 Sophia Street, Vancouver, BC, V5V 3V6; Accountant; WM, DDGM, MWS

McAlpine, David Robert (Mary); Valley of Vancouver; Born 10/20/1956; Residence - 105 Parkgrove Crescent, Delta, BC, V4L 2J8; Entrepreneur / CEO; WM, CIC

Clark, Matthew Ridgley (Annie Sheeler); Valley of Victoria; Born 8/14/1954; Residence - 1343 Ravens View Drive, Victoria, BC, V9B 6B1; Businessman; WM, TPGM

MANITOBA AND NUNAVUT TERRITORY

Taylor, Alexander Bruce (Veronica); Valley of Winnipeg; Born 12/8/1949; Residence - 38 Sunrise Cove, Winnipeg, MB, R2G 4B2; Retired - Police Superintendent; WM, DDGM, TPGM, MWS, Almoner

NEW BRUNSWICK

Bishop, Allan Harold (Jackie); Valley of Fredericton; Born 11/23/1940; Residence - 140 Pleasant Drive, Chipman, NB, E4A 1S3; Retired - Welder; TPGM, CIC

Gagnon, Nelson Joseph (Andrea Dingee); Valley of Moncton; Born 1/27/1967; Residence - 89 Briggs Cross Road, Lutes Mountain, NB, E1G 2X5; Manager - Retail; WM, TPGM

NOVA SCOTIA, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Granchelli, Gordon Francis (Georgina); Valley of Sydney; Born 3/18/1942; Residence - 115 Patric Avenue, Sydney, NS, B1P 3G6; Hospital Administrator; WM, TPGM

Budden, Gerald William (Christine); Valley of St. John's; Born 6/18/1949; Residence - 77 Comerfords Road, Conception Bay South, NL, A1X 4B3; Retired - Police Officer; WM, GM, TPGM, CIC

ONTARIO

Abraham, Victor Joel (Diana); Valley of Hamilton; Born 7/7/1935; Residence - 290 Carson Drive, Hamilton, ON, L8T 2X7; Retired - Professional Land Use Planner; WM, DDGM

Anderson, Ernest John Burns (Lovonne); Valley of Toronto; Born 1/21/1935; Residence - 1405 - 15 La Rose Avenue, Etobicoke, ON, M9P 1A7; Retired - Vice-Principal; WM, DDGM

Black, John Ross Albert (Doris); Valley of London; Born 3/20/1935; Residence - 32 Longarth Street W., London, ON, N6J 1P2; Retired - Civil Servant / Soldier; WM

Bracken, Lyman Clair (Sheila); Valley of Sudbury; Born 1/8/1938; Residence - Box 14 - 137 Simon Lake Drive, Naughton, ON, P0M 2M0; Retired - Stationary Engineer 1st Class; WM, DDGM

Brodsky, Morton Irving; Valley of Windsor; Born 10/17/1943; Residence - 1208 - 1545 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, ON, N8X 1K6; Retired; WM, TPGM

Burrill, Beverley Carlyle; Valley of Woodstock; Born 2/4/1946; Residence - 208-675 Canterbury Street, Woodstock, ON, N4S 8W4; Retired - Auctioneer; DDGM, TPGM

Dasti, David Allen (Louise); Valley of Thunder Bay; Born 2/4/1948; Residence - 5615 Dawson Road, Kaministiquia, ON, P0T 1X0; Small Business Owner / Retired - Public Servant; WM, TPGM, GS

Edwards, Timothy Alan (Miranda); Valley of Toronto; Born 12/1/1967; Residence - 913 - 168 Bonis Avenue, Scarborough, ON, M1T 3V6; Quality Assurance Analyst; WM, MWS

German, Harvey Edwin (Ruth); Valley of Chatham; Born 2/28/1928; Residence - 150 Regency Drive, Chatham, ON, N7L 5J6; Retired - Retail Sales; WM, MWS

Green, John Cameron (Barb); Valley of Guelph; Born 1/3/1946; Residence - 79 Wood Street, PO Box 8, Drayton, ON, N0G 1P0; Retired - Operation Manager; WM, DDGM,

Grieve, Gordon Thomas (Gloria); Valley of Sarnia; Born 7/20/1955; Residence - 153 Fieldstone Avenue, P.O. Box 1806, Corunna, ON, N0N 1G0; Retired - Senior Process Operator; WM, DDGM, TPGM

Groves, Franklin William (Carrol Clements); Valley of Peterborough; Born 1/21/1953; Residence - 392 Grand Rd, Campbellford, ON, K0L 1L0; Retired - Plant Manager; WM, TPGM

Lintaman, Darrell William (Wilma); Valley of Niagara; Born 7/19/1938; Residence - 3 Ameer Drive, St. Catharines, ON, L2N 3S9; Retired - Engineering Technician; WM, TPGM

Loshaw, Giles Orville (Janice); Valley of Ottawa; Born 6/5/1943; Residence - 31 McAvoy Rd, PO Box 129, Athens, ON, K0E 1B0; Retail Business Owner; WM, DDGM, CIC

Lundberg, Neil Alfred (Janet); Valley of Thunder Bay; Born 3/15/1939; Residence - 523 Parway Drive, Thunder Bay, ON, P7C 1S1; Retired - Automotive Parts & Sales; WM, TPGM

MacKinnon, Elroy John (Margaret); Valley of Toronto; Born 3/6/1938; Residence - 760 Concession Road #3, Pickering, ON, L1V 2P9; Retired - Teacher; WM, DDGM

Magwood, Gary William (Sandra); Valley of Hamilton; Born 3/20/1951; Residence - 16 Audubon Street, Stoney Creek, ON, L8J 1J7; Self-Employed; WM

Marshall, Thomas Richard (Beverly Ann); Valley of Hamilton; Born 8/14/1950; Residence - 58 Allanbrook Street, Stoney Creek, ON, L8J 2E8; Retired - Sales; WM, DDGM

McKillip, John William (Susan); Valley of Barrie; Born 12/25/1954; Residence - 2132 - 14th Line, Gilford, ON, L0L 1R0; Retired - Locomotive Engineer; WM, DDGM

Meadows, Raymond Russel (Diane Jean); Valley of North Bay; Born 11/5/1950; Residence - 608 Laurentian Avenue, North Bay, ON, P1B 7T9; Retired - Educator; WM, TPGM, GS

Newton, Harold Edward (Beatrice); Valley of Kingston; Born 11/6/1946; Residence - 2 Alnet Drive, Belleville, ON, K8P 4V8; Retired - Machinist / Business Owner; WM, DDGM

O'Sullivan, Wayne Douglas (Bonnie); Valley of Chatham; Born 5/8/1947; Residence - 12 Pamela Crescent, Chatham, ON, N7L 4S5; Retired - School Principal; WM, MWS

Rousell, Don Herbert (Catherine); Valley of Sudbury; Born 9/4/1931; Residence - 1984 Hunter Street, Sudbury, ON, P3E 2S4; Geologist; WM, DDGM, TPGM

Scott, Graham Alexander (Lori Lewis); Valley of Toronto; Born 6/6/1963; Residence - 22 Bonello Crescent, Whitby, ON, L1R 3N6; Operations Manager; TPGM

Siemiernik, Thomas Andrew (Lucy); Valley of Woodstock; Born 4/28/1949; Residence - 25 Aldergrange Ave, Box 51, Innerkip, ON, N0J 1M0; Retired - Heavy Truck Mechanic/Manager; WM, DDGM, MWS

Smith, Allan Lavern (Shirley); Valley of Thunder Bay; Born 9/14/1940; Residence - 586 Lanark Crescent, Thunder Bay, ON, P7A 7B6; Retired - Wood Room Supervisor; WM

Solomon, Alexander Charles (Debbie); Valley of Sault Ste. Marie; Born 11/27/1951; Residence - 123 Leacock St, Blind River, ON, P0R 1B0; Retired - Elementary School Teacher; DDGM

Stephenson, Clive David (Deborah); Valley of Sudbury; Born 4/15/1960; Residence - 11 Julien Place, Hanmer, ON, P3P 1X2; Professional Geoscientist; TPGM, MWS, GS

Stoddart, Alan John (Cheryl); Valley of Toronto; Born 3/10/1950; Residence - 2163 Shawanaga Trail, Mississauga, ON, L5H 3X6; Retired - Bond Trader / Bank VP; WM

Tooley, Barry Byrne (Betty); Valley of Sudbury; Born 10/10/1940; Residence - 134 Hillside Avenue, Sudbury, ON, P3B 3C8; Business Owner - Welding Service; TPGM, Almoner

Truscott, Robert William (Marg); Valley of Windsor; Born 11/13/1943; Residence - 149 Jeffrey Place, Tecumseh, ON, N8N 2Y2; Retired - Accountant; WM, MWS

QUEBEC

Guay, Joseph Claude Richard (Nicole Moquin); Valley of Montreal F; Born 5/22/1956; Residence - 47-58E Ave, Montreal, QC, H1A 2P4; City Councillor; WM, TPGM, GS

SASKATCHEWAN

Davey, James Gordon (Dawn); Valley of Saskatoon; Born 12/9/1964; Residence - Box 44A, RR 7, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 1N2; Manager - Feed Procurement; WM, TPGM

Windsor Valley Committee

General Chairman	John Revell, 32°
Deputy Chairman.....	Edward Carey, 32°
Honorary Chairman	J. Carl Fairthorne, 33°
Advisor/Co Honorary Chairman.....	William A. Atkinson, 33°
Secretary	Chandra Kania, 32°
Treasurer	Randy MacNevin, 33°
Registration	Donald Warner, 33°
Registration Packages/Gifts	A. James McDonald, 32°
Transportation	George Minto, 32°
Transportation-Airport.....	Daniel Chamney, 32°
Public Relations.....	John Revell, 32°
Vesper Service	Reverend Gordon Maitland, 32°
Ladies Programme & Hospitality	Nancy Atkinson, Nancy Tarcea, Jeanette Ware-Mikhael
Ladies Packages/Gifts.....	Sandra Warner, Madeline Fairthorne, Gertrude Kerr, Pat MacNevin
Banquet Coordinator	George Mikhael, 32°
Saturday Event	B. Patrick Chartier, 33°/Alistair Munro, 32°
Fund Raising at Event	Gerry Thibert, 32°/Morton Brodsky, 33° Lydia Chamney
Pianist.....	Matt Tingle, 32°
Piper	Bruce Tait, 32°
Photography/Design	Bill Davis, 33°

General Comments

The 141st Annual Session of Supreme Council was held in Windsor, Ontario under the General Chairmanship of Ill. Bro. John Revell, 32°. Ill. Bro. Revell was supported by a large cast of approximately fifty dedicated host committee members that was well organized and active from an early point in an effort to make the Annual Session a success.

This session, more than any other Annual Session in recent times, featured a close-knit collaboration between the Supreme Council Office and the membership and ladies of the Valley of Windsor. Due to the untimely death of Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°, office staff were set back in their efforts to prepare for the session. Notwithstanding the dedication of both Leslie Drake and Lucy Berthoud to shoulder an increased workload, some of the functions that normally occur in Hamilton were tackled in Windsor with the willing assistance of host committee members. In addition, Supreme Council's Systems Support Analyst, Warren Page, became a daily fixture in the office in the lead-up to the session, doing whatever was asked to make life easier for our staff. Both Warren and Leslie continued their contributions throughout the week in Windsor. All these people saw a need and all took steps to address it, to the undying gratitude of Supreme Council. I am sure Ken was well pleased.

The Annual Session proceeded in a well-organized fashion due to the efforts of those mentioned above and the members of Supreme Council that conducted its business. In total, approximately 483 attendees were treated to an excellent time in an excellent venue. The Wednesday evening Get Acquainted event was well attended and assisted the forty-four candidates and their ladies settle into the week with a good comfort level as they visited with old friends and made new ones. The Thursday Vesper Service was hosted by All Saints Anglican Church and Ill. Bro. The Reverend Gordon Raymond Maitland, 32^o . He welcomed us warmly, particularly given the high temperatures experienced on that particular day. The music was performed ably by organist Dr. David Palmer. The message was delivered by Ill. Bro. The Reverend Canon Michael Farr, 33^o with humour and substance.

The conferral of the degree was done in exemplary fashion and was enjoyed by the candidates, its participants and those observing it. Forty-four new members of Supreme Council and others present listened attentively to the lecture by the Grand Chancellor, Ill. Bro. Allard Loopstra, 33^o, another milestone lecture of Freemasonry and one only a privileged few are able to hear. Hearts were touched and thoughts of future service seized the minds of all experiencing its stirring delivery.

Thursday always sets a high standard for the quality of the conduct of the business of Supreme Council and for the social events associated with it. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's banquet that evening and that of the Sovereign Grand Commander on Friday evening were well received and of less length than those in Halifax, an immediate response to observations shared by the membership in surveys conducted after that session. Ill. Bro. Dr. David P. Hardie, 32^o, a very accomplished Mason and medical professional, updated the SRCF banquet attendees on the present state of research into mental degenerative diseases. Presentations to those completing their terms as Directors of the SRCF were made, including a presentation to Pat Townshend the lady of Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend, 33^o, who passed earlier in the year before having the opportunity to complete his term as President of the Foundation and see the results of its 50th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign he initiated, a campaign in which the membership adopted his goal to raise \$1M and contributed \$1.610M in the process! We will long miss his vision, his leadership and his humanity. Ill. Bro. David McAlpine, 33^o spoke on behalf of the candidates on Friday evening expressing appreciation for the courtesies extended to the candidates and their ladies. Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, 33^o was quick to point out that his banquet programme ended a full minute earlier than that of the SRCF on Thursday.

Each Annual Session affords a new host committee and a new venue the opportunity to make the Annual Session the best one yet. In striving to do so each provides an example for others to follow in a pattern of continuing progress. Thank you to the Windsor host committee for supporting the infrastructure that made the 141st Annual Session a success in every sense. And thank you to the Windsor Caesars Casino and the staff for accommodating our every need with courtesy and good humour. It should be noted that the display in memory of Ill. Bro. Ken Rutherford, present at every dinner or banquet, was the idea of Sue Heath and other hotel staff. It is yet another indication

of the ease with which Ken could endear himself to those with whom he came in contact, even on a somewhat limited basis. Thank you Sue for your kind thought and the good memory it provided.

Ill. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33^o, General Chairman of the host committee of the Valley of St. John's, and his lady Rosalind provided enough information regarding the activities of its host committee and the attractions of their province to induce all to look forward to attending the 2016 session in St. John's, Newfoundland.

This Annual Session marked the end of the productive term of Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, 33^o as Sovereign Grand Commander and the commencement of a new triennium under the leadership of Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33^o. The future bodes well for our Scottish Rite and the Annual Sessions.